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AES lunch program will be on 6 at 6 News

By ALISON ALOISIO

A community project to fund school meals for every pupil at the Andover Elementary School will be featured on WCSH 6 News Tuesday evening.

The effort has provided more than \$8,000 to pay for breakfast, lunch and snacks for all 42 pupils at AES for the current school year.

"And we're halfway funded for next year," said Sharon Hutchins, an organizer.

The "Hungry Kingdom" project began a year ago at the First Congregational

Community chips in so all pupils get free breakfast, lunch and snacks.

Church. After a church bottle drive, Hutchins said, members made an offer to contribute \$20 toward any "Pay it Forward" project in the community.

Hutchins, Bev Swan, Philena Chiasson and Sandy Savage began brainstorming ideas.

"We thought of fuel oil at first, because people were hurting, and it was getting expensive," she said.

But precisely because of the cost, said Hutchins, the women realized that only a few people could be served.

"We thought, 'What can we do that would impact the most people?'" she said.

After reading that many American families were having trouble putting food on the table, the women decided.

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SAD44 budget Two votes next month

By ALISON ALOISIO

SAD44's FY'10 budget will go to voters twice next month, on June 3 and again on June 9, following a vote by the School Board Monday.

The \$9,959,000 general fund budget will first be considered at a public meeting June 3 at 7 p.m. at Telstar High School.

Eighteen separate articles will be voted upon, Supt. Dave Murphy said.

The money figures that result will then be totaled, and that bottom-line number will be presented again in a budget-validation referendum June 9.

The \$9,959,000 figure is comparable to FY'07 levels, following recent cuts made by the School Board.

By comparison, SAD44's FY '09 budget was \$10,253,000.

ATTENTION TOWN OF BETHEL TAX PAYERS

This notice is to remind you that the second half of your Fiscal Year 2009 tax bill is due and payable April 1, 2009. Interest will begin to accrue May 15, 2009. For the amount owed, please refer to the bill that you received in the fall of 2008. If you have lost or misplaced your bill you may call the office at 207-824-2669 or email at info@bethelmaine.org for an amount owed.

'There's a certain slant of light'



Writing in 19th Century Amherst, the poet Emily Dickinson found oppressive melancholy in the low-angle sunlight of winter afternoons. But each season has its own slants on light, and shortly after dawn Tuesday spring was painting a cheerier picture, with golden shafts of sunlight penetrating the darkness and dancing off the still waters of Round Pond in Locke Mills.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

MDOT agrees to bear the heaviest cost load in replacing Twin Bridges

By ALISON ALOISIO

Work is expected to get underway this fall to replace the deteriorating Twin Bridges in Riley Township.

The 50-year-old spans provide access across the Sunday River to state land, including a 385-acre parcel that contains the popular Frenchman's Hole swimming area.

The Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands purchased the parcel several years ago.

Sunday River Ski Resort also uses the bridges as access to log and manage 3,500 acres of its forested land.

But last year one of the spans was posted at 3 tons, preventing logging and fire trucks from crossing.

In August, Oxford County Commissioners, who oversee Riley, held a public hearing on whether or not to discontinue the bridges. The officials questioned the merit of fixing the bridges.

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Legislative committee amends bingo bill to rule out tribal land in Albany

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The latest skirmish is over, and once again Albany Township has, for the moment at least, avoided becoming a site for high-stakes Indian bingo games — a specter that has been on the township's horizon for more than 35 years.

On Wednesday afternoon last week (after The Citizen had gone to print) the Joint Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Maine Legislature held a work session on LD 526, a bill some in Albany feared could re-open the gambling issue here.

The bill, "An Act to Clarify the Beano and Bingo Laws as They Apply to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes," was only intended, its supporters said, to make it possible for the Houlton Band of Malisee.

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Auxiliary establishes annual scholarship fund to honor Tyler Smith

By MICHAEL DANIELS

"To remember and recognize," fallen Bethel soldier Tyler Smith, members of the Auxiliary Unit of the Jackson-Silver American Legion Post are raising funds toward a goal of being able to award a \$500 scholarship each year to a graduating Telstar High School senior.

Smith, the son of Martin and Wendy Smith of Bethel, was 22 when he died last March in Iraq, from wounds suffered when insurgents launched a rocket and mortar attack against his forward operating base outside

Baghdad.

A combat engineer, Smith was a 2004 graduate of Telstar High School.

He joined the Army that December, with his friend and classmate Keith Walley, and the pair trained together at Fort Stewart in Georgia.

In 2004, at the covered bridge in Newry, Smith married his high school sweetheart.

On the day of the attack, both Smith and Walley were stationed at the base, but Walley

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Letters

BETTER BOARDS IN ANDOVER

To the Editor:

To the Town of Andover: I feel I have the right to defend myself after the way I was verbally attacked at the selectmen's meeting last Tuesday evening.

I have never degraded any member of the Planning Board. My letters to the selectmen have just stated facts. The Planning Board Ordinance has not been enforced.

Due to the fact that the chairman of the Board of Selectmen's husband is a member of the Planning Board, I feel she should excuse herself from any comments, discussion and voting regarding this matter.

This is clearly a conflict of interest as defined by the Maine Municipal Association.

The Planning Board is made up of three board members and two alternates, all of whom are required to attend at least seventy-five percent of the meetings.

Records show that one member and the two appointed alternates have not met the attendance requirements.

I have hand delivered two letters of concern to the selectmen in order to express my concerns to the community. I would like to publicly request that the Andover Selectmen read my letters aloud at their next meeting so that my concerns and comments are heard by the town's people.

I feel at this time that any information that the community has heard is hearsay and very one-sided.

We need a Board of Selectmen and Planning Board that are functional and working for the good of the entire town, not just a select few.

Ruby Kulpa
Andover Planning Board member

FACT AND FICTION

To the Editor:

Five weeks ago the chairman of the Andover Planning Board resigned to enjoy the summer with his family. I appreciate his service and did not understand until now just how important he was.

Since he resigned, I have been publicly attacked by my remaining Andover Planning Board member. This brief rebuttal is for the benefit of those interested in actual facts, not unfounded attacks.

I have not missed 75 percent of the Andover Planning Board meetings as alleged, which is simply absurd and just plain old wrong. Here in Oxford County where I was born and raised a good old "just plain wrong" usually will explain it all. I have, in fact, missed less than 30 percent of the meetings of the Andover Planning Board. I thought the one meeting I missed so I could attend to family due to my little nephew being in a coma could be forgiven.

Finally, my wife is chairman of the Board of Selectmen in Andover. This has resulted in a second baseless charge — that there is a conflict of interest here. Conflict of interest requires "pecuniary gain," someone actually making money because someone else is related or conflicted. Andover Planning Board money comes from voters at annual Town Meeting — they set up a \$15-per-meeting stipend. My wife does not vote on these town-authorized stipends.

I will say this, however, while we are on topic. When my wife and I started our involvement in local issues, one previous Andover selectman approved town "repair and maintenance" contracts to her husband without any bidding. That, my friend, was a conflict of interest.

Ever heard the old saying "best let sleeping dogs sleep."

Kevin Scott
Andover

GARDEN CLUB WELCOMES YOU

To the Editor:

Do you enjoy seeing Bethel's traffic islands in bloom all summer? If so, please consider joining Bethel's Garden Club.

The club is seeking volunteers (guys and gals) to help us care for the town's public spaces, such as traffic islands and the gazebo, etc.

Volunteers commit a small amount of time, no more than a week during the summer, and contribute to the town's beautification efforts.

As a volunteer, you will be rewarded by seeing the results of your labors and hearing out-of-town visitors compliment Bethel's gardens. It's a great opportunity to give some time and effort to this beautiful town we all call home.

Without volunteers, it may become impossible to continue doing this vital work.

Think how it would look without the beautiful plantings we enjoy around the gazebo, the horse trough on the green, and the traffic islands on Main Street and the Parkway.

Planting and raking will begin on Saturday, May 30. Prior to planting there will be a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the home of Lida Iles, 132 Paradise Road.

Please join us at this breakfast meeting, or call Marlene English at 824-8640 or Lida Iles at 824-2062 to let us know of your willingness to help.

All comers are welcome, and Bethel's Garden Club thanks you, in advance, for giving us your time.

Carol Nielsen
Bethel

FOCUS FIRST ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY

To the Editor:

Converting from oil to wood-fueled heating is a good move for public buildings in our area, but improving energy efficiency is just as important. Most of these buildings leak heat like sieves.

A switch to wood now is smart because it means fuel cost savings (at least in the near-term), some support for the timber sector of the regional economy, and greater energy independence for our country. But how does this play out over the next 20 to 30 years?

It seems that there will be significant fuel cost increases as wood markets change, especially as regional demand from consumers in Lewiston and Portland rises. Reduced forest yields may also drive up prices in the longer term, because there's a limit to the amount of intensive harvesting a forest stand can sustain.

There is also the issue of air pollution. In the big picture, we humans are headed toward a global climate "cliff," because of pollution due to burning fossil fuels. An 80 percent pollution cutback is needed by 2050, according to experts. Unfortunately, wood produces climate-change pollution comparable to that of oil.

Energy efficiency is a big part of the solution to these cost increases and environmental challenges. That means installing the best new boilers — those that generate both heat and electricity (called combined heat and power, CHP). It also means significant building upgrades such as better insulation, windows and doors. Many upgrades can be done faster and at lower cost than installing a new furnace. And they also support local businesses.

So ask your school and town officials — Where can we find our best cost and energy savings? What are we doing to improve energy efficiency? And when is this going to happen?

If we take a common-sense approach toward our energy investments we can have a strong local economy and a stable environment.

Ken Hotopp
Bethel

ITEMS FOR SKATE PARK TAG SALE

To the Editor:

Friends of Davis Park continues to work on funding for the new skate park at Davis Park. A number of grants have been applied for. Funds from the town of Bethel, the town of Newry, Bethel Rotary, Savage Construction, the Tony Hawk Foundation and donations made to Friends of Davis Park have us about half way to the cost of a new park. But there is still over \$40,000 to raise.

Over the Memorial Day Weekend (look for specific days and times next week) the skate park group will have a table at a multi-family tag sale at 602 West Bethel Road (Ingleside Childcare, formerly Rebel Recreation).

Anyone wishing to donate items for the sale may drop them off beforehand at Ingleside (note that they are for the skate park) or bring them the day of the sale. If you have items to donate and would like them picked up, please call Nancy at 824-2115.

Plans are in the works to have an activity at the skate park for National Trails Day on Saturday, June 6. This will be done in conjunction with the Trails Committee of the Mahoosuc Land Trust. Look for more info on that the next couple weeks.

In the meantime, anyone wishing to donate returnable bottles to the skate park fund may drop them off at Wheeler's Redemption (let Tim know they're for the skate park) or call Nancy at 824-2115 to have them picked up.

Nancy Babcock
Friends of Davis Park

START BY TAKING CARE OF THE PARK WE'VE GOT

To the Editor:

I'm writing to express my frustration with the skateboarding community in Bethel. I support their efforts to raise money to build a skatepark, and have patronized their moneymaking ventures at local events. But almost every time I use the bike/walking path by Davis Park, or just drive by, I see skateboarding equipment out in the pathway, blocking its use by walkers, runners or bikers.

When I walk or run by with my kids on their bikes, we often have to go onto the grass to avoid this equipment or the people using it. At times, I've had to jump out of the way when a skateboarder comes crashing back to earth right where I was walking. And worst of all, when the skateboarders have left and gone home, the equipment remains in the path continuing to get in the way of other's use of the path. Often, I take it upon myself to move the equipment back to its proper place so others don't have to go through the same frustration, or risk tripping over it. When I do so, I frequently encounter trash on the ground, left by said users of the equipment.

Another related issue. As I said at the outset, I support the effort to enhance the skateboarding facilities at Davis Park. I would love to see a Bethel Skateboarding group competing at state and wider events having taken their sport to a higher level as a result of practicing at an improved facility. But before this group asks for more equipment, I ask them to please take better care of what they already have. People might be more inclined to support the fundraising effort if they weren't turned off by this type of use of the current equipment and space.

Norm Greenberg
Bethel

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY IN BETHEL

To the Editor:

June 6 this year is National Trails Day, with hundreds of events being planned all across the country.

The Trails Committee of the Mahoosuc Land Trust is organizing a family-friendly afternoon of fun to celebrate our own Bethel Pathway.

The celebration, from noon to 4 p.m., will be centered at Bethel Outdoor Adventure and Campground, with events happening all along the pathway. There will be children's activities, such as sidewalk art, sidewalk games, and a scavenger hunt. Skateboarders will show their skills. A Nordic Walking demonstration will welcome all comers. Tours of the two new extensions of the Pathway will be led by Trails Committee volunteers, and there will be a work party on the Mayville extension. A Bicycle Safety Check will help you ready your bike for summer riding.

There will also be opportunities to learn about and participate in planting some native shrubs along the pathway with Jackie Cressy. In addition, several Master Gardeners are re-invigorating the perennial garden on the Gateway and will be looking for help and for donations of perennials. If you find yourself dividing perennials in the coming weeks and could donate some to the Gateway, please let us know.

We welcome suggestions and volunteers to make National Trails Day in Bethel a success. Our town is a special community, and our pathway is just one of the treasures at the heart of Bethel. Please come and celebrate with us.

Bonnie Pooley, Jeff and Pattie Parsons
Trails Committee, Mahoosuc Land Trust

IT JUST DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS

To the Editor:

Over the years I have enjoyed some great performances by the Telstar Middle and High School students. Drama, Choir, Band, Art Films, I have always been impressed with the talent and enthusiasm of the participants.

This week is an opportunity beyond belief as the High School Drama players are going to put on the Broadway play "Fiddler On The Roof." That's right here in Bethel, no need to get to New York or to wait for the show to travel to the Merrill Auditorium in Portland.

No \$100 dollar ticket prices either. This show is open to the public for no charge (donations will be gratefully accepted at the door).

The show is a real treat. It is set in a small town in czarist Russia in the early 1900's. It is about a father trying to balance tradition and the wishes and dreams of his daughters in a changing world.

Some memorable tunes from the play include "Sunrise Sunset," "Matchmaker," and "If I Was A Rich Man." The cast performs the show beautifully. As a bonus there is a live pit orchestra composed entirely of students. It just doesn't get better than this.

I urge everyone to get out to see one of the three performances. The acting is so much more gratifying when you play to a full house. The students deserve it. You will be amazed at what these young people are capable of. We are also so lucky to have a dedicated staff at the school willing invest the incredible energy it takes to put together a play like this. A finer evening of entertainment is not available anywhere else.

The show will run Thursday, May 14, through Saturday, May 16. Curtain time is 7 p.m. It's an expensive venture, so donations will be accepted at the door. Call the school at 824 2136 for more information. See you there; this is going to be some show!

Jonathan Goldberg
Bethel

WHEN YOU SEE MISS POPPY ...

To the Editor:

Every year, just before Memorial, the American Legion Auxiliary, Post 81, has a program about the crepe-paper red poppy. We choose a girl from the first grade to represent this program and remind people about the poppy.

Following the end of World War I, the returning soldiers told of the beautiful red poppies that grew wild on the graves of the fallen comrades. The poem, "In Flanders' Fields" immortalized the flower.

Our service men and women, in the hospitals, make these flowers to earn money for their needs. It soon became an emblem for the war dead and those who are permanently disabled.

Wearing a poppy came to mean "Honor the Dead and help the living."

So please, when you see our Miss Poppy, contribute to this cause. Thank you.

Arlene Bean
Past President, American Legion Auxiliary

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Dana Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Scott Cole was named Bethel's new town manager.

Ashley Sabins, age 7, of Bethel was chosen by the Bethel American Legion Auxiliary as Miss Poppy of 1999.

Dorothy Canwell of Oxford donated \$1,428 to set up a scholarship to benefit music students in SAD44.

Births: Hailey Jillian Buthy, Haley Raelin Wakefield, Kasandra Elaine Roberts, Maurice J. Convey, II, Chasity Rian Rainey.

Deaths: Learned G. Littlehale, Lillian M. Tyler.

20 years ago: Carl Glidden received the go-ahead from Bethel's Planning Board for the expansion of his Main Street supermarket.

Sunday River Ski Resort ended its season on May 12, after 181 consecutive days of skiing. It was the second longest season in the resort's 29-year history.

Heavy rains in the area caused flooding which left some roads badly eroded and others totally washed out.

Deaths: Ralph S. Hall, Myrtle F. Lapham.

30 years ago: Albert C. Smith, West Bethel, was presented a safe driving award for 100,000 miles of accident-free driving from Tri-State Motor Transit Co.

Gould Academy students presented "The Crucible," by Arthur Miller.

Telstar's J. V. softball team beat Gould Academy 35-12 for their fifth straight win of the season.

Birth: Jocelyn Christian Stowell.

Deaths: Guy Perkins, Mrs. Ethelyn Lord, Mrs. Lena Pike Merrill, Mrs. Gladys Easter, Mrs. Abby F. Dudley, Miss S. Doris Files.

40 years ago: "Miss Poppy 1969" was kindergarten student Mary MacKay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blake MacKay.

Mrs. Ruth Ames and Richard Douglass were elected directors of Bethel Riverside Cemetery Association.

New Haven College third baseman, Neil Olson, was leading the Chargers in hitting with a batting average of .370.

Deaths: Olpha N. Varney, Albert J. Stearns, Maurice W. Clifford, Mrs. Marion G. Richardson.

50 years ago: The Bethel School annual spring concert was held at the Wm. Bingham Gymnasium under the direction of Mrs. Edith Eypner.

The Bethel School Committee voted to allow the East Bethel School to remain open for the next school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hutchins were honored at a surprise housewarming party at their new home on Clark Street.

Birth: Charles Carroll Whitman.

Death: Mrs. Mary Stearns Merrill.

60 years ago: Bethel Ski and Outing Club cooperated with the Red Cross to conduct the swimming classes at Song Pond.

Royden Keddy graduated from Harvard Law School.

Franklin Grange, Bryant Pond, received a plaque from the National Grange for outstanding work with young people.

Miles Brooks purchased the P.C. Andrews cottage on Sunday River.

Death: Edwin R. Berry.

70 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Thurston were given a housewarming at their new home on Vernon Street.

Alforetta Bartlett, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartlett, was rescued from drowning in the Androscoggin River by Earl Brooks.

A forest fire near Sturtevant Pond in Magalloway Plantation burned over 800 acres.

Deaths: Leelan M. Charles, Charles H. Coburn, Mrs. Claribelle Grover.

100 years ago: The Brown Relief Corps celebrated its 20th anniversary of existence in Bethel.

W.A. Emery was elected Bethel Road Commissioner at the recent Town Meeting following the resignation of F.J. Russell.

The May Ball at West Bethel was attended by 35 couples.

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ROTARY YARD SALE

To the Editor:

The annual Rotary Club of Bethel Yard Sale and Auction will take place on Saturday, June 27.

The success of the fundraiser, which supports the club's many community and international aid projects, is made possible by the generous donation of items by members of the Bethel-area community.

As always, we're happy to see donors bring their items to Telstar on the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday preceding Saturday, June 27.

We can also arrange to pick them up on those days, if needed. Also, as always, we can make special arrangements to pick up items during the year and store them if they can't stay where they are until the auction/yard sale; for example, because the property will be sold. Please call 875-2364 to make arrangements.

However, with an eye to maximizing the number of sellable items, as well as minimizing the wear and tear on Rotarians, we make the following requests:

- 1) No appliances that cannot be carried by one person — microwaves, cook tops and toaster ovens are OK, but ranges, refrigerators and dishwashers will be respectfully declined.
- 2) No furniture that "only needs a little upholstery," no computer monitors, and almost no TVs.
- 3) No stereo consoles that include phonographs.

We are pleased, ready and able to relieve you of some of what you couldn't sell in your own yard sale, but we must sometimes use discretion.

We look forward to these guidelines making the Rotary Yard Sale and Auction a happy event all around, and invite everyone to participate.

Michael Steven
President, Rotary Club of Bethel

4-H CAMP CLEAN-UP THANKS

To the Editor:

The staff at Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center would like to thank everyone that participated in our "Camp Clean-up Day" on May 2. This year was a huge success with over 35 people helping out with everything from setting up wall tents, raking, clearing brush, planting trees, cutting firewood, and other various outdoor chores.

With the amount of people we had on hand we were able to work in many different areas including our ropes course where we are expanding and adding several new challenging elements. The volunteers were from age 6 to age 80 and everyone enjoyed the mild weather, lack of black flies, and a great lunch from our wonderful kitchen staff.

The camp is really looking great, and we are gearing up for an exciting summer with many new programs including the 4-H Shooting Sports (three different programs) as well as our traditional offerings in conservation, primitive, and Maine woods skills.

Be sure to join us for Youth Field Day on June 6 and get a chance to sample what we have to offer!

Ron Fournier
Camp Director

Briefly

Otten in Maine Ski Hall of Fame

FARMINGTON—Les Otten is among the Maine Ski Hall of Fame "Class of 2009" to be inducted in October. "Although the New York native was sent to Sunday River by new owner Killington in 1972, he quickly became a believer in Maine and its skiing potential," said a press release from the hall. "When he couldn't get the parent company to allow him to expand the Maine resort, he convinced them to sell the area to him. That year, 1980, the area drew 32,000 skier visits. A decade and half later the figure was close to 600,000 and Maine had one of the top five ski resorts in New England, primarily due to the vision of Les Otten. The seventh class to enter the Maine Ski Hall of Fame includes competitors, coaches, pioneers, volunteers and industry builders. The 2009 Class will be inducted at the annual banquet scheduled for Lost Valley Ski Area, Oct. 23. Since its inaugural induction in 2003, 57 skiers and one couple have been recognized for their contribution to Maine skiing, and in many cases fame well beyond the borders of the state. Maine has had a skier in every Olympics since 1948 and has had numerous skiers on the US Ski Team who didn't happen to make the Olympics. They have served as coaches at every level, instructors, patrollers, ski area builders and volunteers and this year's class has brought distinction to Maine and skiing.

'Babysitting 101' offered

ANDOVER—The Girl Scouts are offering a "Babysitting 101" program for all area girls in grades 4 and up. The program will include: getting your baby-sitting business started; playtime ideas for children of all ages; understanding the likes and dislikes of children troubleshooting; and solutions to the most common problems a baby-sitter faces; Babysitting 101 certification. The program will take place in Andover on May 26 and June 9 from 2:45 to 5 p.m. The cost of the program is \$5. For non-Girl Scouts a membership fee of \$10 is required in addition to the cost. (Membership assistance is available for this fee.) To register or for more information, please contact Jeanie Duguay at (207) 364-3639 or (888) 922-4763 ext. 237, or jduguay@gsmaine.org. Registration deadline is May 21.

Fishing Festival May 30

NEWRY— Families that want to teach their children how to fish can do so free at the Maine Family Fishing Festival from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Sunday River Ski Resort. The Upper Andro Anglers Alliance and Trout Unlimited are hosting the event at the Grand Summit Hotel pond, which will be stocked with trout prior to the event by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, alliance spokeswoman Wende Gray said. "Families can practice newly learned casting skills in the Grand Summit pond and are welcome to take home their catch," Gray said in a recent report. Members of the Mollycodd Chapter of Trout Unlimited will teach free spin- and fly-casting workshops for older youth and parents. Maine's Hooked on Fishing — Not On Drugs program will supply complimentary rods and reels for use at the festival. Children can also learn how to tie flies with materials provided by Trout Unlimited and alpaca fibers from Sunday River Alpaca. The youths can then take home their hand-tied flies, Gray said. Each young angler will also receive a mini-tackle box complete with bobber, sinkers and hook, courtesy of the alliance. Families participating in the event will also be eligible for door prizes from local outfitters and businesses. For those families wanting to stay overnight or fish or canoe the nearby Androscoggin River on Sunday, May 31, local lodging establishments are offering special family packages for the weekend, Gray said. The event takes place on the weekend of May 30-31, a free-fishing weekend in the state, except for those with suspended or revoked licenses. Resident and nonresident freshwater fishing licenses are waived each day. For more information on the Maine Family Fishing Festival, contact the alliance at 824-3694 or fish@upperandro.com or visit www.upperandro.com.

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ed on a food project for the town's school children.

"Raising enough money for all the breakfasts, snacks and lunches would spread the money out to a larger population," she said. "Middle income kids are having trouble, too. They don't get help."

To determine how much they needed to raise, the group first factored in the subsidy for children who receive free meals based on family income.

They then calculated the average cost-per-pupil to feed everyone at \$180 for the year.

The women began the fund-

raising with a food sale that brought in about \$1,000. "We thought that was a strong indication of the support," said Hutchins.

People also stepped up to sponsor a child, she said. In addition, the First Baptist Church of Andover became a partner in the effort.

By Labor Day, the beginning of the school year, they had reached their goal.

"It blossomed in the community," Hutchins said. "The support has been absolutely incredible. There were no funds from foundations or corporations. It all came from

the citizenry of Andover."

Looking ahead to the next school year, Hutchins and the others decided to get started earlier.

They're well on their way, and have another fundraising upcoming May 30. An all-day food sale is planned at the First Congregational Church.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation to the 2009-2010 project may send checks to Hungry Kingdom, P.O. Box 249, Andover 04216.

The WCSH 6 segment, filmed last month, is scheduled to appear on the 6 p.m. newscast.

Bridges

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Recreationists and the ski-way protested a possible closure.

Commissioners eventually agreed to research possible financial collaborations to fund bridge work.

In April of this year, they reached an agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation to build two new bridges with a girder-deck system design.

MDOT will provide up to \$450,000 for the project, while the county will contribute up to \$72,516. The Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands will pay \$15,000, and Sunday River \$2,000.

Ben Foster, assistant bridge maintenance engineer for MDOT, said the abutments on the current bridges are settling and deteriorating.

The bridges have no guard rails, he said, only raised support beams on each side of the spans.

The new structures will be

built with a girder and deck system and will have guard rails.

Construction will take place in the fall and winter when there is little traffic, said Foster.

The county will maintain the bridges when they are complete.

Reaction

Jim Mitchell, executive director of the Mahoosuc Land Trust, had advocated last year in support of fixing the bridges.

The MLT played a key role in the state's acquisition of the 385-acre parcel of recreational land.

"I am pleased that the county and the state were able to reach an agreement that guarantees public access to this important recreational area," Mitchell said Monday.

MLT president Steve Wight, who is also a Newry selectman, Land Use Regulation Commission commission-

er and local business owner, also said he was happy with the agreement.

"Common conceptions to the contrary, a surprising amount of traffic uses the bridges throughout the year to access the Public Lands of the Mahoosuc Unit for hiking, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, skiing, picnicking, swimming, biking and observation of wildlife and plantlife," said Wight. "The bridges also provide access to one half of the land owned by Sunday River Ski Resort as well as to forest lands owned and managed by the state and private individuals."

"These lands represent a powerful part of the economic engine of this region and the sense of enjoyment of its residents and visitors."

"To discontinue access to the upper Sunday River Valley by failing to maintain the bridges would be a grave mistake."

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ley was away on a mission when it occurred. He learned of his friend's death upon his return.

Smith was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Combat Action Badge, Weapons (expert), and the Right Sleeve Overseas

Bar.

Kelly Bickford, of the Auxiliary Unit's Scholarship Committee, said the current fundraising campaign is an effort "to remember and recognize" Smith and the sacrifice he made for his country.

There would be no specific requirements for the scholarship, other than the applicant

being "a deserving individual" seeking to further his or her education.

Anyone interested in contributing to the scholarship in Smith's memory is asked to mail donations to: The Tyler Smith Scholarship Fund, c/o American Legion Auxiliary Unit 68, PO Box 188, Greenwood, ME 04255.



LIFELIGHT TAKES OFF—An unidentified local woman was helicoptered to a Lewiston hospital Wednesday morning after apparently suffering a heart attack while swimming at the Bethel Inn's pool. The woman, who is in her late 50s, was swimming with friends when they discovered her floating face down. She had been in the pool only a couple of minutes. Her friends attempted to revive her using CPR and notified the Inn's staff, who called 911, said Allen Connors, general manager. LifeFlight of Maine arrived at the scene and flew the woman to Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. The woman had not regained consciousness by the time she left the Inn, Connors said. As of The Citizen's presstime, the woman's name had not been released. Here, the helicopter takes off from the inn's golf course.

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Albany

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seets to operate high-stakes bingo on tribal "trust land."

But opponents of Indian gambling in Albany feared the vague language in the bill as originally submitted might open the door for gambling on land in Albany owned, since 1972, by the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

With that in mind, Attorney Jeffery Rosenblatt, an Albany resident, and others began working with the various parties involved to have the language re-written in such a manner that it could not be interpreted in a manner that would include the Albany land.

In that they were successful, Rosenblatt said.

"The Committee amended the bill to provide that the expansion of the lands eligi-

ble for federally recognized tribes to conduct high-stakes bingo is limited to one 50-acre parcel held by the federal government in trust for the Maliseet Tribe," Rosenblatt said.

"That parcel is on Route 1 in Houlton, across the street from the former "Rollerama." The Sponsor of the bill, Rep. Cleary of Houlton, Chief Brenda Commander of the Maliseet Tribe, the Committee Members, and I all worked cooperatively in agreeing to this amendment, and the Committee voted 'ought to pass as amended' with only one vote against the bill."

"This means that for the Passamaquoddy and the Penobscot, the status quo is preserved; for the Maliseet, the 50-acre parcel will become el-

igible for a high-stakes bingo operation in Houlton, subject to applicable zoning and other local regulations, but only if the bill as amended passes the full Legislature and is signed into law by the Governor."

"I am happy that Albany Township is for now still protected from this potential gambling development," Rosenblatt said.

Local State Rep. Jarrod Crockett (R-Bethel) who was among those working to have the language clarified, agreed that this threat had now passed.

"People can rest assured that this bill no longer poses a threat to Albany," Crockett said.

But the vulnerability remains.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

My computer has done it again...reduced me to a frustrated babbling idiot that is.

When the system is running smoothly then I'm running smoothly too, but one error message or freeze-up and I find myself praying to the God of Microsoft. When I do manage to get things running the way they should I have no clue how I managed to correct the problem. Usually at that point I don't even care as long as the problem is fixed.

Some computer problems are beyond my "push this and pray" scope of repair and I am forced to call for technical support. Most of the time I think I have a better chance of understanding Einstein's Theory of Relativity than tech support instructions.

There is no question that I am a first-class technodope and I am intimidated by all things electronic. I'm sure I frustrate the tech people with my computer ignorance as much as they frustrate me with their computerese. But I can't be the only person who doesn't know how a computer does what it's supposed to do or more to the point why it doesn't do what it's supposed to do.

It seems to me that it would make sense for the tech support people to have a few employees that specialize in helping people like me rather than have just tech gurus that talk to me like I'm brain dead. They should have someone with an elementary school teacher style who can turn Control Panel, Properties

and Internet Options into an A, B, C language. Especially when you consider that people who have a real grasp of computer understanding probably are not the ones calling for help.

Recently I had a problem with my virus protection program. I do understand why I have virus protection and I do know how to do the scans and updates, but I don't have a clue when the program has a problem why it has a problem.

There is no question that I am a first-class technodope.

I tried dealing with the website tech support option of this company in hopes of finding simple answers to what was going on. Turns out there are no simple answers and on top of that my virus protection program was blocking me from getting to the complicated answers. I had no choice but to call a real person for help.

Before I go on, let me just say that I am not a prejudice person in any way and I certainly have no issues with people from India. In fact, I loved Slum Dog Millionaire. However, there is enough of a language barrier when dealing with tech support to start with, when you throw in an additional language barrier a technodope like me has a

real problem.

On the first call I got "John" who didn't sound like any other John I have ever talked to. After several "I don't understand you John" responses from me, "John" finally made it clear that he would email the instructions on how to correct the problem and though it took a while we eventually confirmed my email address.

After 24 hours and no email received I call back and got "Rocky". A very similar "I don't understand what you're saying" conversation ensued and another promise to email instructions.

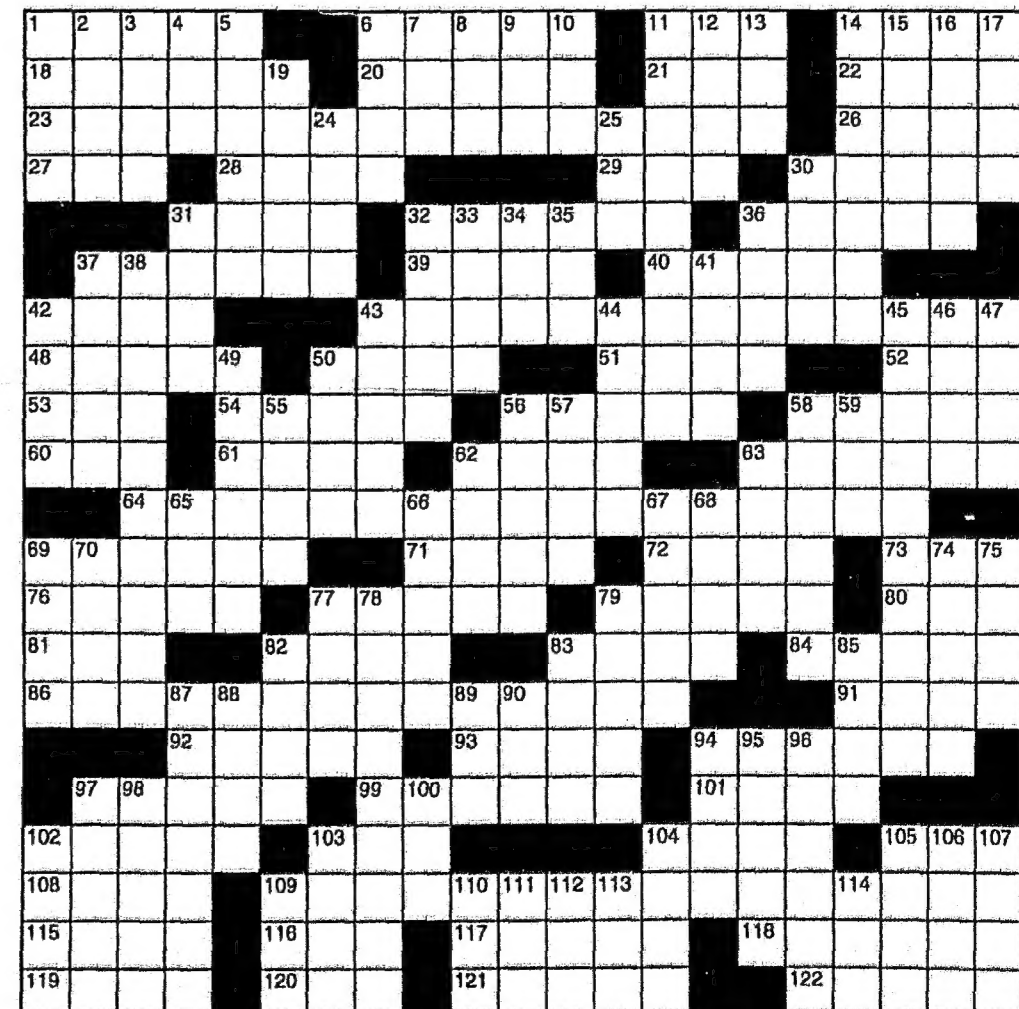
Another day goes by and still no email instructions. My frustration level and my blood pressure are quite high at this point.

So, I made another call and this time spoke with "Tiffany." To "Tiffany's" credit she was a little more patient and we spelled a lot of things so we could understand each other a little better. Once we were on the same page, so to speak, "Tiffany" solved the problem by remotely getting into my virus protection program.

I think that when it was all over and done and I confirmed that things seemed to be okay "Tiffany" told me to have a nice day, but I can't be sure.

It appears that my computer is running smoothly again and I certainly hope it stays that way because the way I see it, I'll buy a new computer before I ever call tech support again.

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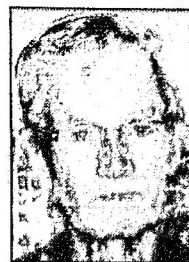
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Bethel



by Donald G. Bennett
News from our kitchen window in Mayville seemed to rank first for this week. Paul

and Charisa Legault had started work on building a new retail outlet store across the road from our house. Cross Excavation was in the midst of clearing, leveling and lowering the knoll where Rollie Glines' house once stood before it was hauled away to Swan's Corner. The Legaults' plan is have a four-unit retail building and they will be the first business owners in the building. From my understanding Charisa's goal will be to run gourmet-to-go service. Want a special prime-rib dinner for a party of eight? Call BearHaven Crossing (after they have opened). The Legaults live in Powder Ridge and they came here from Bristol, R.I.

On the back of the knoll, which was re-modeled for the new building, there was a house-sized boulder that had to be blasted many times to remove it piece by piece. This boulder had landmarked the general spot where Eli Twitchell, a "Soldier of the Revolution," had built his second house shortly after the big flood of 1785 prompted him to move uphill from the river. He died there in 1845, age 88, and his descendants owned the property until 1914.

If you have wondered what might have happened to Dorothy Moore's home at 23 Church Street, like we did, it is still in place — surrounded by a high chain-link fence and on Monday a solid wall pole-style fence was added to the north side.

If you wondered what happened to the auction that was planned for Philbrook Place, the auction did not occur. When I e-mailed Pat Thurston about who owned it now, she replied that she was still the owner. The auction had to be called off at the last minute due to a drainage issue that would have clouded the title.

Looking in to the Philbrook Place's barn on Saturday told me that the charm and beauty of the place had not diminished. Mt. Mica Rarities, Phil McCrillis, and Elements Art Gallery, Sara Hemeon, have certainly made the handsome old barn an attractive, weatherproof marketplace. Phil McCrillis is a fourth-generation member of the McCrillis partners that formed Plumbago Mining Corp.

Phil said that Diane Saunders (remember her and the Gem Shop on Bridge Street?) bought much of her stock from Plumbago. The second floor is devoted to Elements Art Gallery.

Two local artist names should stand out to the casual visitor: Walter Clark and Odd Lyngholm. One of the exhibiting artists, Sandra Baiguy Curro, displays excellent recent watercolors of family skiing at Sunday River. You can tell they are recent works due to the "chondola" in one of the watercolors. Sandra's particulars say she is a coastal artist with 31 years' teaching experi-

ence in the Biddeford school system.

Philbrook Place marks another important element in Bethel history. The Philbrook brothers, Samuel and John, did a whale of a livestock business. Just one example: in December 1889, they held a weekend sale in which 26 pairs of oxen were sold. A pair of oxen in those days equaled a good-sized truck or tractor in our days.

Friday evening's nice spring weather at the Grand Summit Hotel did the crowd of about 220 a favor as they gathered, signed in, named tagged and chatted before the Chamber Awards Banquet got underway. No Model T's in this crowd — like last fall's old T convention. Robin will undoubtedly have a complete write-up of the evening in this week's Citizen Letters to the Editor.

This week the Sun Journal ran an article about the twin bridges over Bull Branch in Riley. The bridges have a substructure rating of serious on one and critical on the other. Oxford County and MDOT

supposedly have reached an agreement to jointly repair the bridges. MDOT will provide \$225,000 per bridge. The county is to provide \$36,258 per bridge with the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands contributing \$15,000 and Sunday River supposedly offered to add \$2,000 to the pot.

What makes these bridges important besides public safety? On the other side of the bridges and up the road a piece is that Valhalla of swimming holes — Frenchman's Hole. This winter I became somewhat involved in the history of the bridges and in the process could not find who named this remote wilderness spot Frenchman's Hole. Adding a touch of comedy to that, the Maine State Planning Office has a website about Frenchman's Hole that says, among other things, the nearest town to Frenchman's Hole is Sunday River. How is that for our state government's on-the-job knowledge? And, the Bethel Historical Society sources have reliable information from a person who lived and went to school

near there that the "hole" was downstream from the bridges. Google "Frenchman's Hole" and watch three daredevils kayak over the falls on You Tube. Would Oxford County dare to cut off access to this place?

Monday evening the Mahosue Community Band presented their usual outstanding spring concert at the West Parish Congregational Church. Marion Hotopp was the featured soloist playing a special French horn arrangement. She was accompanied by Lynn Arizzi on the piano. An audience of over 150 was there to enjoy the concert. It is hard to say which numbers in the program were best — but to take a stab at it — my favorites were "American Salute," "Somewhere" (Leonard Bernstein) and "Moon River." The band got a standing ovation after the concert's finale. Very well done!

At Gould Academy: this past weekend was Parents Spring Weekend. Gould's calendar for this week is mostly filled with various exams. Interestingly for old grads, the exams

are scheduled to be held in Bingham Gym.

Telstar High School will be presenting a classic musical — "Fiddler on the Roof" — May 14, 15 and 16 in the Helen Berry Auditorium.

As for our winter in Florida: walking our young dog, Hays, turned out very well for both of us but even better for Hays. He managed to have four fan clubs form around him — the bus stop high school students, the crossing guard's elementary school kids, neighborhood walkers and our neighbor's three dogs in the window. I carried a batch of dog food nuggets as treats and handed them out to fan club members so they could treat Hays; it went over very well with many chuckles. One little girl thought thought better of it after Hays had left her hand a little gooey.

Finally. Not to forget the birds of Mayville. Hummingbirds and a rose-breasted grosbeak have been the latest new arrivals that we have seen.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Saturday, May 9

At 1 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to a residence for a report of a suspicious object. The owner, who had lost the item on the property, was located.

At 12:45 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor received a report that a blue Ford Escort had pumped gasoline and then driven off.

At 9:13 a.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to a residence for a 911 hangup call. A child had been playing with the phone.

At 9:09 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to the West Bethel Road for a report of possible gunshots. On arrival it was determined the sound was fireworks.

Friday, May 8

At 5:08 a.m. Officer George Gould received a report of a possibly stolen debit card. The card was de-activated.

Wednesday, May 6

At 5 p.m. Chief Alan Carr received a report that three juveniles had been found on school property with illegal drugs and tobacco products.

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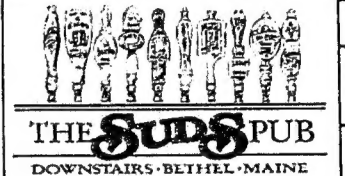
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West Bethel



by
Lorrie Hoeh
As of Sunday the
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gro-beaks have
once more
appeared at

the Hoehstead.

On Monday morning we had three males in their glorious black, white, and deep rose eating from feeders and on the ground. In addition, there were at least two females, more drably dressed in brown and white, taking their share of seeds. Mayhap we will have a nesting pair or two.

It looks as if the phoebes may have once more built a nest on the platform between the breezeway and garage. However, they are very wary, private birds, and it's difficult to catch them going to or from the nest. Time will tell if they are, indeed, serious about raising a family there. There is no sign as yet of a nest in the shed behind the barn, which is where we've seen the most flitting about.

Over the past four or five years I've been worried about the dearth of wood thrushes and have missed their song. I usually hear plenty of her-

mit thrushes, but not their cousins. On Monday morning I did hear a wood thrush at last. An ornithologist in Ecuador agreed that there seem to be way fewer wood thrushes in evidence in the southern hemisphere as well. Changing habitat? Global climate change? Qué pasa?

We've been hearing those ovenbirds a lot, with their "TEA-cher, TEA-cher, TEA-cher" call. Also have discerned what I think is the northern waterthrush, as well as several unknown warbler calls. The painted trillium have opened, hobblesh in bloom, and the clintonia, lady-slippers, and Canada mayflower have all pushed their shoots through the decayed organic matter and will soon be blooming. Our forsythia lost all its blossoms in the high winds over the weekend, and they are missed.

Mo Libby is happy to announce that Nell gave birth to her first last Wednesday, a darling boy, as yet unnamed. He is a lovely color, different from all the others. Mo says she thinks it may be classified as "rose gray," and that sounds like a pretty good description to me. Three more babies are yet to come in the next few weeks.

Last week Mike and I attended Grandparents' Day at

Gould, had dinner, breakfast, and lunch with granddaughter Molly Siegel, and met and visited with several other grandparents. We attended classes and were toured around the campus by Molly. Then on Thursday evening we enjoyed the opening night production of "Little Shop of Horrors" and were blown away by what a great job the Gould cast did. Kudos to them and to Jim McLaughlin, Colin Penley, and other faculty who pulled this together. There was a second performance on Saturday night, which I am told was possibly even better.

Meanwhile, another granddaughter, Louisa Stancioff, was appearing as Annie Sullivan in "The Miracle Worker" at Mt. Blue High School. This we attended on Friday night, with daughter Martha and granddaughter Molly joining us. Once again we were blown away. This is a long and very challenging drama, and the cast was more than equal to the task. Everyone performed beautifully.

On Mother's Day we were at the Public Theatre in Lewiston to view "Last Mass at St. Casimir's." Eric and Lucia Schwarz went with us and then treated us to dinner afterward. Also in the audience were Ann and Gary Stuer with their son, Nick, and Jackie and

Al Cressy, who own and operate Rivendell House in Bethel. We all agreed it was an excellent play, both funny and serious, provoking both laughter and tears.

This week is Telstar's production of "Fiddler on the Roof," Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. On those same three nights the Bethel Community Players will perform in a dinner theater presentation of "Good Help is So Hard to Murder," at the Victoria Inn. It has an all-female cast consisting of Carol Campbell, Leigh Dickinson, Lorrie Hoeh, Sharon Lyon, Tineke Ouwinga, Roberta Taylor, Rosabelle Tift, and Carole Timberlake.

Finally, Mike and I will be going to Farmington on Sunday afternoon to see our daughter, Cyndy, and son-in-law, Paul Stancioff, in a Sandy River Players production of "And Then There Were None," by Agatha Christie. One might say that we are in danger of being "played out."

There will be a multi-family tag sale at Ingleside Classical Childcare Center over Memorial Day weekend. The sale will include fundraisers for outdoor equipment for our preschool and a table for the skateboard park committee. There will be children's activities, refreshments, and many wonderful items for sale. Donations of items to be sold are being accepted at the



2009 POPPY GIRL for American Legion Auxiliary Unit 68 is Savannah Merrill. She is the daughter of Andrea Howe and granddaughter of Diane Howe of Locke Mills. She is pictured holding this year's selection of poppies for distribution. This year, Vera Cross, Unit 68's Poppy Chairperson was also recognized by the National American Legion Auxiliary for serving in this capacity for over 40 years. The tradition of poppy distribution is rooted from the poem "In Flander's Field."

preschool from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment. Call Deb at 357-0275.

Starting next week I'll be telling you how much I've earned each week from deposits on the bottles and cans that careless and thoughtless folks toss by the roadside and in campsites. You might tell me what you're gathering, as well. Reach me at dhoeh@megalink.net or 836-3011.

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Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends, I hope that everyone enjoyed their Mother's Day. Most everybody that I know went out to eat on Sunday.

Junior Poor was guest of honor at a 90th birthday party on Sunday at the C.E.B., put on by his children. In lieu of gifts the family had asked for donations of a canned good to the Andover Food Pantry. Pastor Jane Rich did a reading and an Indian prayer and Bessie Cook wrote a poem. Peter Stowell and others spoke about their friendship with Junior. The celebration was well attended by friends and family.

The Andover fifth grade is having a car wash and bake sale at the Andover Fire Department on Saturday, May 16, from 9 to 12 a.m. to benefit their trip to Boston. They are also having a bottle drive on May 30, starting at 9 a.m. Start saving your returnables!

Just to let folks know that on Tuesday, May 19, at 6 p.m. on Channel 6, Susan Kimball will report on the program the community of Andover supported to provide a breakfast snack, milk/juice and hot lunch to all of Andover Elementary School students. This spot will run for three minutes. She and videographer Gary Sturtevant met with the students, staff and community members for this article in April.

The following was in a newsletter from Pastor Jane Rich, First Congregational Church: "At Sunday morning's worship the church presented Linda Dyer with a sentiment of thanks for her 30-years-plus service as our organist/pianist, along with a planter full of flowers. We were pleased to have her daughter, Debbie, and husband, Jim, be there."

Happy belated birthday to Ellie Conrad on May 7.

Celebrating a birthday this week is Brooke Lynn Bennett on Saturday, May 16.

Andrea Savitz, of the Andover Service Circle (ASC), is hoping that Mother Nature will give all of us a sunny Saturday this weekend for the Road Side Clean-up. Having been for years an annual happening put on by the Circle, this event was literally revved up back in 2007 when the Roxbury ATV Riders Club offered co-sponsorship. This wonderful collaboration of group efforts has benefited Andover. For the third year in a row, on-foot ASC members and volunteers can count on the Riders to pick up collected bags of garbage at roadside. ASC will orchestrate the on-foot volunteers, who are asked to gather inside Andover Town

Hall at 8:30 a.m., for a suggested route, bags, and rubber gloves. Light refreshments will be served to participants 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Additionally, the graduating high school senior winner of ASC's 2009 Service Award will be receiving notification at the Andover Alumni Awards Dinner on Saturday May 23. Then on May 29 and 30 numerous members of the Circle will be involved in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life held on Rumford's Hosmer Field.

Foxgloves and Daisies is now open for the season. Owner Julia Akers Gribbon advertises that they have the largest variety of perennials in western Maine, along with annuals, herbs and baskets. Hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday, 12 noon until 5 p.m.

Gilead



by Lin Chapman

The weather was not very nice for Mother's Day. It seems like it

has rained the last few years and this year was no exception. I hope everyone had a happy Mother's Day despite the weather. It is always nice to get well wishes from the family. I know I enjoyed it.

The hummingbirds showed up as usual for Mother's Day. I saw the first one on Friday night, so I got the feeder out Saturday morning and there have been several at it already. There was also a Baltimore Oriole that appeared Saturday afternoon, and by Sunday morning there were two of them, so more sugar water went out for them. There were at least two male rose-breasted grosbeaks out there with the orioles.

The porch railing outside our living room window was very colorful and our granddaughter, Sidney, enjoyed seeing all the birds. Sidney spent Friday and Saturday nights with us and we took her home Sunday morning in time to spend Mother's Day with her mom.

Sidney went to Augusta with us on Saturday to the Mineral Symposium. There were several speakers to listen to and the dealers were set up for everyone to visit and check out what they were selling. There was everything from mineral specimens to finished jewelry.

My brother, Steve McLain, has been feeding the birds and since there were not a lot of them lately, he has been wondering why the birdseed was disappearing so fast. He has a feeder that will close up if whatever is on it weighs too much. He found out that the chipmunk is light enough to still get at the seeds. He also spotted a hummingbird this past weekend.

Steve and Lise McLain went



BETHEL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD WINNERS—On Friday, the 40th Anniversary Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner took place at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River. Award recipients were, front (from left): Public Service Award, Loretta Powers, Newry; Lifetime Achievement Award, Barbara Douglass, New Hampshire, formerly of Bethel; Bethel Area Non-Profit Leadership Award, Jacquelyn Cressy, Bethel; Student Citizenship Award, Brianna Elizabeth Douglass, Bethel. Middle: Employee of Year, Hospitality, Amy Bennett, Bethel's Best Pizza Grille & Dairy Bar; Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship, Leslie B. Otten, Bethel; Forest Products Industry Award, Ross Timberlake, Bethel; Volunteer of the Year, Bob Westfall; Special Award, Betsy Doyon; Rising Star Entrepreneur Award, Sam Saito, Bethel; Employee of the Year-Education, Norma Salway, Crescent Park Elementary School; Special Award, Dennis Doyon; Business of the Year Award, Steve Etheridge, Rooster's Roadhouse, Bethel. Back: President's Award, Roger Beaudoin; Business of the Year Award, Gary Szpara, Rooster's Roadhouse, Bethel; Student Citizenship Award, Patrick Michael Joseph Gallagher, Woodstock; Taste of Bethel Memorial Scholarship, Alan Scott Hadley, West Paris; Rising Star Entrepreneur Award, Karen Saito. Absent from photo: Employee of the Year-Ski Services, Pete Murphy, Mt. Abram Resort; Employee of the Year-Retail & Service - Chris Martin, True North Adventureware.

(Photo: Andree Kehn)

out to eat for Mother's Day at Mr. Pizza in Gorham, N.H., since they enjoy eating there.

Stephen McLain, III, son of Steve and Lise McLain, graduated from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., on Saturday, May 9. He received his Master's in Business Administration (MBA). The whole family attended the graduation: his wife, "Peachy", and their children, Marina, Nathan and Quinn. The guest speaker for the ceremony was Ben Stein.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

The Hanover Planning Board met May 7. After making a site visit to properties

at Howard Avenue and South Shore Road the Board approved applications for additions to two buildings. An application for a new house and garage was tabled pending presentation of further information. It was reported to the Board that two new housing starts had been permitted on Emerson Road in the Hanover Pines Subdivision.

Postage on letters increased two cents this week to 44 cents for a first-class, single ounce letter. Some old folks can still remember when it only cost two cents to mail a letter. Sometimes the mail went on horseback, by boat or backpack but usually it was carried on the stage.

A memorial for Melburn and Rose Hutchins took place at St. John's Cemetery in Rumford with Pastor Bruce Swan officiating. The service included a military tribute. Following the service a gathering took place at the home of Bill and Gail Worcester with lots of good food, visiting and games that ended in the evening. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins passed away last December. Melburn at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris and Rose while staying with

her daughter, Debbie Swan, in Springfield.

Former Hanover resident Brock Merrill was married Saturday, May 9, to Jessie Farrington of East Andover. The wedding was at the South Andover Church followed by a reception at the Andover Town Hall. Many from Hanover attended the event. Jessie is the granddaughter of Marie Halacy of Hanover.

We are still receiving reports of bear visits. Most commonly birdfeeders and trash cans are the designated targets. Ticks have invaded the region once again. Takes the fun out of life, doesn't it? A long blood slick on Route 2 in front of the Town Office apparently marked the death of a deer by a nighttime truck.

Shawnee and Makala Worcester made a Mother's Day visit to grandma Donna Worcester last Sunday. Their mother, Sara Worcester, has

recovered from recent surgery and returned to her Carthage home with her husband Brian and the twins.

Next week the Hanover Selectmen will meet Tuesday, May 19, at the Hanover Town Office at 6 p.m. Those interested in the Comprehensive Plan Committee are reminded that the meetings have been moved to Thursday evenings, the next meeting being on May 21 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

Congratulations to Andrew Farrington, son of Keith and

Janet Farrington. Andrew graduated last Saturday from the U. of Maine-Orono with an Electrical Engineering Technical degree. He also graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 3.9 average.

Congratulations also to East Andover resident Michael Brown, son of Lee and Patty Brown. Michael also graduated from U. of Maine-Orono with an Electrical Engineering degree. Way to go guys!

Don't forget that this Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings "Fiddler On The Roof" will be performed at Telstar. I'm looking forward to that.

There were a great many people who came to the CE Building last Sunday to wish Junior Poor a happy 90th birthday. I only went in to drop off a card, but he looked like he was having a good time.

Paula Lee is recovering from eye surgery, cards would be nice, Danny can read them to her.

We took my mother to dinner at S.S. Milton Restaurant in Bethel for Mother's Day, and I totally recommend it. The food was fantastic, and the waitress was really nice, thanks Lana.

My kittens have discovered cardboard boxes. They love to climb in them, hide from each other, and even get their heads stuck inside of the tissue box. My friend Hope is building them their own condo out of boxes. I can hardly wait to see them playing in that!

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See 'ya.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

Many thanks to Dave and Carol Bennett, who put together

a lovely water wheel at Leroy and Bonnie Learned's. It means a lot to me to see it spinning. I do miss Leroy walking, riding his bike and waving to him as I drive past his home.

Kevin Barry was at his place on the Branch Road planting grass and doing general yard clean-up for a few days this week. He headed home mid-week to Marston's Mills, Cape Cod.

On my way to Bethel on Monday, I stopped by Farmer Robinson's to get delicious maple syrup that I use in my morning coffee. Leslie still has syrup for sale.

Two hummingbirds showed up on the 9th. One stayed on a line on the front porch all during the thunderstorm this past Saturday. Their food is one part sugar to four parts water. The feeders should be cleaned frequently; other-

wise mold builds up in them. Due to bears liking the sugar water my feeders come in at night.

On Friday I saw a pair of rose-breasted grosbeaks. I had forgotten how pretty the male is. They are still around feeding. On Mother's Day there were four males and one female feeding together.

Karlene Bachelder told me a couple of weeks ago she spotted a bluebird in her yard.

Karlene Bachelder and Polly Mahoney drove over to Unity on Monday to see her sister, Wilma. Polly has a friend in that area and went to visit with her. Wilma paid Karlene the debt she owned her from New Year's. I wonder if she added a bit of interest to that!

Karlene went to the barn dance that Polly and Kevin Slater had at their place. Lots of people attended. The music was by a group called the Buttermilk Hill Band from Belgrade. The 50/50 was won by Karlene's daughter, Claire Romano from Sanford. Claire was here with her daughter, Michele Josephson, and granddaughter, Kylie, from Cumberland. Bruce Pierce dropped in just in time to enter and win the door prize.

The Grafton Campground is soon to open. Please call Mark Wight or Mo Ginther at 824-2292 for bookings and information. Also visit their website at www.campgraffon.com for a view of the camping area.

During the weekend of May 16 and 17, Polly Mahoney and Kevin Slater are hosting a Wellness Weekend at 1513 Bear River Road. Please call 824-2073 or fax (207) 824-3784 for information.

Claire and Cassidy Webster will have homegrown chickens' eggs for sale at a price of \$3.50 a dozen. Get your fishing gear as well as lots of snack foods and sandwiches when you stop in. Doug will also tag your turkey during this particular hunting season. On Youth Saturday, the 2nd, he tagged two turkeys. To date,

as of the 9th, he has tagged 19. ATVs can still be licensed at the BRTF.

Many thanks to Davey Bennett for the highway clean-up he does in our area.

Seneca Corriveau plans to make goat cheese in the near future from the special goats she recently purchased. I hope to drive up to see them before next week's column and will have more information as to special breed of goat she has purchased. I imagine Freeman will be helping her get this project set up and going.

Greenwood City



by Wayne Hakala

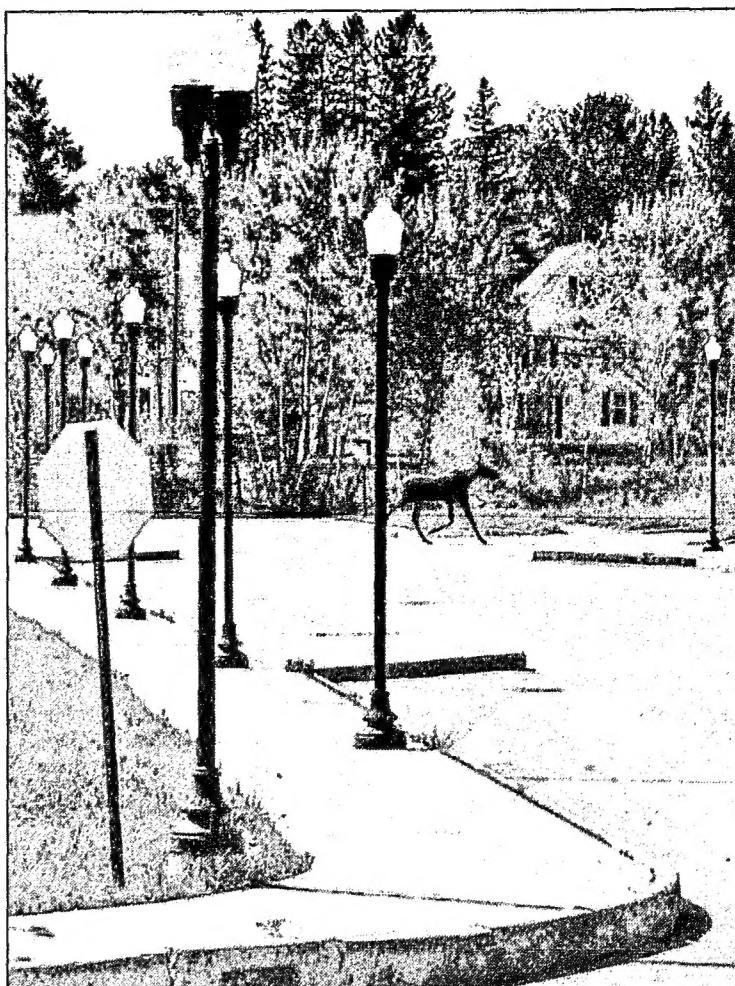
I'm starting early this week. Maybe by Monday morning

I'll have it done and without wearing out the spell checker. Life is good!

Thursday evening, Jackson-Silver Post and Unit held its installation of officers. The Post officers are: Jarrod Crockett, Judge Advocate, Raymond Hakala as Sgt-at-Arms, Del Wilson as Service Officer, Ken Hoyt as Finance Officer, Rich Wakefield as Adjutant, Dan Grover as Chaplain, Al Lake as Second Vice Commander, Dan Hastings as First Vice Commander, and Wayne Hakala as Commander.

The installing team consisted of Past Department Commander Gene Bickford, Past Department Chaplain Lester Prue and Lee Millett, Adjutant of Post 82.

The Unit officers are President, Evanna Grover; 1st Vice, Janice Bennett; 2nd Vice, Mary Ann Fifeild; Secretary, Carolyn Johnson; Treasurer, Jamie Hastings, Sgt.-of-Arms, Irene Redman; Chaplain, Helvi Cary; Historian, Hazel Cole;



TAKE A LEFT AT THE LIGHT—After apparently stopping at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce for directions and information, this moose crossed Lincoln Street Tuesday on his way out of town. (Photo: Matt Hiebert)

and Executive Committee, Olive Risko. Installing officers were Elaine Rogers and Ethel Lacourse.

I'm told there will be a new house in the very near future in the neighborhood. The Goodwin's will have it in early June.

Also, there will be a new foundation going in on Mike's property out back from us. Andre and Flossie Bernier will be doing that work.

Saturday eve brought a grand 80th birthday party for Rowena Dunham. It was held at the Legion with a great number of family and friends in attendance. There was a bountiful array of delicious foods to choose from and soul searching as to whether I should have some more. I'm sure there were tired grand kids and a tired, happy grand-ma.

Ray brought a couple nice Rainbows home. Wouldn't say where or how he caught them. I really think he cloned them, as they are close to size.

I took a tour this afternoon on my JD. Went well past the old Wilbur place on Whittle Hill Road. But the prospect of big rock and mud changed my mind of going any further. Besides I was getting a little cool and hungry. Wind wasn't helping my thoughts of spring. On my way back, I met up with Guy Westleigh. He was riding his big bad Grizzly. Had a nice visit. I did make a profit for the day as I picked up a number of beer cans along the way. Guess those snowmobilers and four wheelers like their Bud Lite.

Time for some strawberries on a little ice cream. Besides the Sox are playing. Till next time.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

The daffodils are gone and the tulips are out. In my center flower bed there

are only two deep purple ones. I believe there was supposed to be several black ones. The large blue and large white violets are doing well and have spread out of the bed.

On Sunday, May 17, the Rev. Roger Comstock will lead the service at the West Paris Universalist Church at 9 a.m. Jim Burke is organist. A coffee hour follows.

On May 23 and 24 the Ring McKean American Legion Post No. 151 will have a yard sale at Trap Corner on Route 26 from 9 to 3. If anyone has good quality items to donate call 674-2346 or 674-5143.

A Memorial Day Parade is planned for the 25th.

The family of Cynthia Lamb had a clean-up day to celebrate Mother's Day. Those working were Jim and Chris Lamb, Carol and Rick, Nathan and Angela, Ron and Melissa, and Nate Leach and family. All enjoyed the large dinner. The area around the camp was cleaned and the leaves and brush hauled away, but the pond and weather were too cold to get the dock and boats into the water.

Mother's Day in West Paris was quiet. My daughter, Peggy Lamb, from Augusta came and brought lunch and visited for the day. Of course she brought her dog, Mazie. We did get out for a walk with Mazie, which was good for all of us. Peggy dug up yellow violets to plant at her home. They are running all over my lawn and would soon be mowed off. They were originally from Brooks' lawn and migrated across the driveway to my lawn. They are so dainty so early.

My "children," scattered all over the country, phoned me to wish me a Happy Mother's Day. Joe in Athens, Ohio; Allen in Spokane, Wash.; Wen-

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dy in Oakland, Ore.; and Jude in Lamoine. They had all sent beautiful handmade cards. The card-making craze is all over the country. I also received several nice gifts.

Muffin is again sitting on the desk beside the computer for she has forgiven me for letting a big, red dog into her house and for shutting her in the bedroom.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham

The weather has been quite an adventure. One hour it is warm and sunny, the next it is raining. And then there was that rainstorm where we got inches of rain in less than an hour. The unplanted (thank goodness) garden had a huge puddle. I didn't think it would go down, but by morning it was gone leaving only wet dirt and compost. We really did need the rain, but a little gentler would have been nice. Now the flowers should begin to bloom in earnest. Our lilacs should be ready to pop soon. The new bushes, not so much, but the older ones I expect in full bloom. We planted some flowers, but are holding off on all but the most frost hardy as we are expecting frosts. Tonight is slated for one.

Last week we got our chicks. They are cute, but I am trying to stay as far away as possible. I do not want a repeat of last year where my asthma was up all summer. We got half golden comets and half black sex linked. We were told they are all good layers. That is what we want. Now we must find a vendor for our eggs.

Typing this, I just realized I missed the Fare Share board meeting this afternoon. I guess the stress of what is happening here was too much for me. We did find the little hot-dog in with the chickens. No one admits to putting the dog in there, but it is a sure thing that she didn't get there on her own. She is just too small.

Save Saturday, the 16th, for a Spaghetti Supper for Dano AKA Dan Smith of Springer's. Dano had major heart surgery this year and needs help with medical bills. The supper is at Waterford Memorial School with supper starting at 5:30 p.m. and going until 7. At 7 there will be music by the Vocal Solutions. There will also be bingo for kids and raffles. Be there or be square!

I am listening to the sounds of a 4-wheeler signaling that our wood is all in. That is a relief. Each year it seems to take longer to stack five cords than the year before. We do enjoy the heat we get from that wood, though—nothing like a woodstove to provide warmth and comfort.

That is all for today. Have a great week.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Guest speaker at the Whitman Memorial Library May 14 (today) is Alvin Yates, storyteller. Time is 2 p.m., light refreshments, no charge and everyone welcome.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30 and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday at 6:30 is prayer meeting and Friday at 6:30 is youth group. Saturday, May



BROWNIES VISIT WITH HORSES—Bethel Girl Scout Brownie Troop 155 last week visited Carole Mason's horse farm in Bethel. The girls learned about horses and had a chance to ride "Moses." Pictured are, front: Elayna Harrison, Tiffany Waterhouse, Victoria Crockett, Peyton Hart, Kaiya Corriveau, Crystal Chapman. Back: Keara Heap, Shawna Howard, Morgan McLean. Absent from photo: Madison Fowles.

16 at 10 a.m. is VBS meeting. Sunday, May 24 at 6 p.m. Dr. Al Reichman from Chosen People Ministries will be at this service. Sunday, May 31, is potluck dinner after the morning service and afternoon service.

Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday, May 4, at the Grange Hall. Hee Haw Show was reported on. Very good crowd as usual. Donation sent to Youth Camp fund. Reported next meeting will be CWA meeting with a supper.

Program: opening thought, Bertha DeHaas; song, "Mother"; Poem, What a Mother Can Do, written and read by Bertha DeHaas; "Happy Birthday" was sung to Richard Felt who was 39 again. Reading, Grown Up Boy by Bertha DeHaas; closing song, "Bless Our

Lives"; closing thought. Next meeting is May 18.

The Woodstock Extension will meet on May 20 to tour a greenhouse; take a bag lunch with you.

Aaron Bellows received the Peter Emmons Memorial Award in culinary arts at the college in Berlin, N.H.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at the Grange Hall on Thursday, May 7. A delicious potluck dinner was served and the Woodstock Elementary School music department played several tunes for the program. June meeting will be dinner out and the July meeting is at Greenwood Town Hall with dinner by the Firemen's Auxiliary.

Marybeth Hoover returned

home from Pensacola Christian College on Thursday. She will spend a month home, then go to Tennessee for two weeks' internship, then work there the rest of the summer.

Sympathy is extended to Charlie Howe family in the death of his sister, Inez.

Historical Society

The Historical Society Museum has one of the finest collections of artifacts. From furniture and art, to small collectibles. Be sure to visit this summer. Do you want to do research on Woodstock? All Ruby Emery's books are housed at the museum. There are also a few copies at the Whitman Memorial Library. Meetings are held at the museum the 2nd Saturday of each month.

From

S.W.O.A.M.

The May meeting of the Western Maine Chapter of the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine will be held at the farm/woodlot of Leroy Souther in Livermore Falls from 9 a.m. to noon on May 16.

Souther, a longtime SWOAM member and advocate, has one of the largest groves of disease-free American Chestnut trees in the area.

Souther has won numerous awards over the years for the management of his woodlands. He won the Maine Tree Farmer of the year award in 1960 and 1990 and the New England Tree Farmer award in 1990.

His original 128-acre Tree Farm is now split with his son, Ernie, who continues the tradition of strong forest management working with consulting forester, Steve Gettle, who will be on hand for the meeting.

Coming in on Route 4 into Livermore Falls, cross the bridge over the river, take a right at the light, bear left through town, then straight up the hill on Depot Street. Go 1.5 miles to a four-way intersection. Take a right on Souther road. The farm is a half mile on the left.

From the Winthrop/Augusta area, take Route 17 across the Fayette/Livermore Falls town line, go two miles, take a right on Souther Road. The farm is on the right. There will be signs.

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From
Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club

Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club met Friday, May 8, in the Fare Share Commons building, Main Street, Norway at 9:15 a.m. A 5 table Howell movement was enjoyed. Finishing first in flight A were Nancy Farmer and Errol Libby with Beverly Perkins and Jim Dickens second, who also were first in flight B. Third in A were Luke Merry and Mike Quinn. Second in flight B were Kathy

and Pete Cummings with Cindy and Bob Kirchherr third. Next Friday there will be another game; all bridge players are cordially invited. A partner is always guaranteed. Parking is in the rear.

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Four Ponds Tour

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The project area includes National Forest land in the Patte Brook area, southwest of Bethel in the vicinity of Albany Mountain and Crocker Pond Campground. Project proposals include timber harvest, watershed and wildlife habitat improvements, prescribed fire, replacing the Broken Bridge Pond dam, changes to dispersed and developed campsites, gravel sources, hiking and snowmobile trail relocations, road work, and changes to access on the Patte Brook Road. As part of the overall management of the area, some of the activities such as timber harvest will be incorporated into the Patte Brook Auto Tour, which provides conservation

education at 11 stops in the project area. All activities are intended to implement the White Mountain National Forest's 2005 Land and Resource Management Plan.

Forest Service specialists will be available to provide details and answer questions about project proposals as well as gather comments and concerns.

If you are planning to attend please contact Gail Wigler at the Androscoggin Ranger District in Gorham, N.H., at (603) 466-2713, ext. 230, or via e-mail at gwigler@fs.fed.us. We would also welcome suggestions about specific project areas you would like to visit.

Firewood Available

Hastings Campground in Batchelder's Grant, Maine currently has numerous white spruce trees on the ground due to recent hazard tree removal. The White Mountain National Forest will open the campground to allow the public to collect firewood from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, May 15, through Saturday, May 23.

A valid firewood collection permit and a letter allowing collection in Hastings campground from the White Mountain National Forest are necessary. Letters and firewood permits are available at the Androscoggin Ranger Station, in Gorham, N.H., located on Route 16 south of Gorham.

If driving from Gorham,

N.H., take Route 2 east to Gilead, Maine. In Gilead, take Route 113 south for approximately 3.5 miles to the entrance of Hastings Campground. If you are traveling from Bethel, Maine, take Route 2 west to Route 113 south and then follow the directions given for driving from Gorham, N.H.

A limited amount of firewood is available, so please call ahead for availability and any other questions related to this activity at the Androscoggin Ranger Station (603) 466-2713.

Tuckerman's Ravine

U.S. Forest Service Snow Rangers are warning spring visitors to Tuckerman Ravine that conditions are changing rapidly and that having up-to-date information is vital to a safe and enjoyable outing.

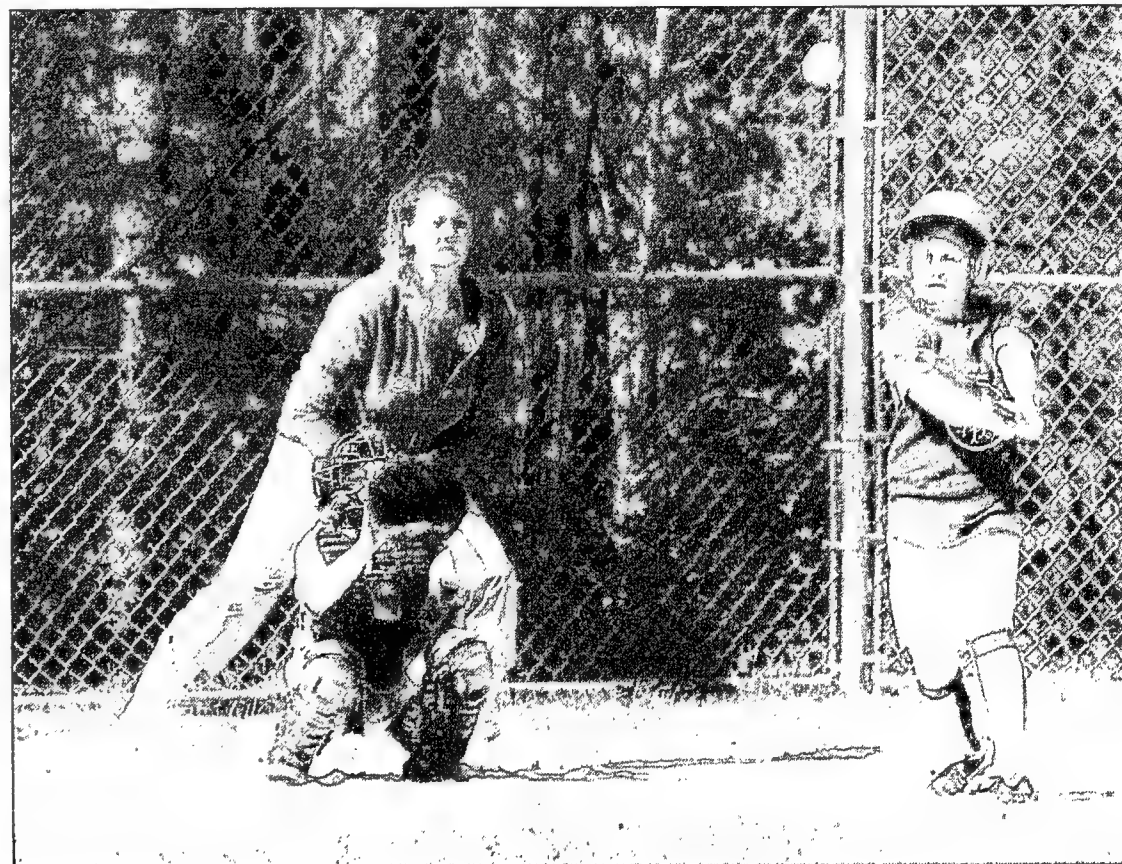
"New crevasses are opening in the Bowl every day," says U.S. Forest Service Snow Ranger Chris Joosen. Joosen is preparing for another busy weekend as the crowds begin to arrive at the base of the ravine in search of spring skiing that makes Tuckerman Ravine so well known. "We had a return to winter conditions a week ago after 14 inches of new snow but it's totally different today and visitors need to have realistic expectations."

Over the course of a "normal" March and April the northeast's highest summit picks up an average of 92 inches of snow.



WOODSTOCK AND CRESCENT PARK ON THE DIAMOND—Softball teams from WES and CPS played Monday at Crescent Park, with WES prevailing 12-6. Top: Woodstock's Mason Phelps-Henley tags out Hayley Peterson in a close play at third base. Below, CPS' Victoria Ryerson hits the ball into the outfield.

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School Lunch

Week of May 18, 2009

Telstar/Middle School Lunches

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Tuesday: Pizza choices, cook's choice, sandwich bar, 3 hot sandwich choices.

Wednesday: Homemade macaroni and cheese, breadstick, hot veggie, pizza choices, 3 hot sandwich choices.

Thursday: Pizza choices, cook's choice, sandwich bar, 3 hot sandwich choices.

Friday: Bacon cheeseburger, french fries, pizza choices, 2 hot sandwich choices.

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SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

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Tuesday: Hot deli turkey sandwich, cranberry sauce, peas, cheeseburger/bun, Smucker's uncrustable.

Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese, sliced ham, green beans, homemade dinner roll, sweetened blueberries, hot dog/roll, Smucker's uncrustable pb&j.

Thursday: Italian dunkers, low fat chocolate cake, Smucker's uncrustable pb&j.

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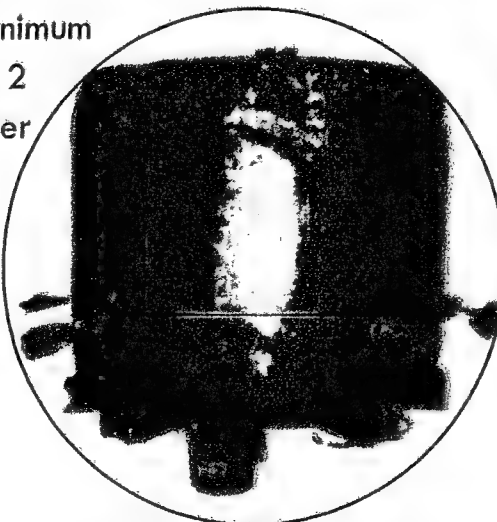
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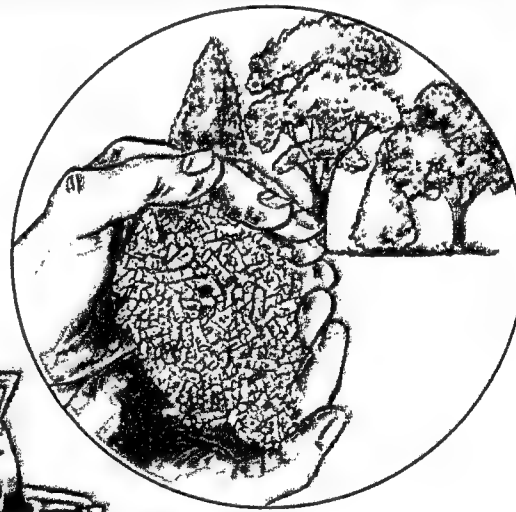
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Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

10 a.m. Tuesday and Saturday mornings - **Free Nordic Walking Demos** at Bethel Outdoor Adventure (off Route 2). FMI and to reserve a pair of poles, call Kate Carroll at 824-2145.

Wall Hanging Quilt Raffle with all proceeds for Tyler Clough, a 9-year-old boy who has cancer. Tickets are \$3 for five or \$1 for one. To purchase tickets, call Jen Cross (cell 462-7840). Drawing will be May 29, 2009.

Thru Monday, June 15

6:15 to 7:15 p.m. - **Bethel Area Youth Lacrosse** for Grades 2 thru 6 (ages 7 thru 12) Monday evenings at Gould Academy. Sign-ups thru May 1 at Bethel Town Office. Residents \$10 (two or more children \$15 per family) and 15\$ non-residents (two or more children \$15 per family). FMI: call Heidi Godomsky at 824-3624.

Thursday, May 14

7:30 p.m. - **Bethel Historical Society Lecture**: "East Bethel Road and Eva Bean: A Half-Century Perspective" at the exhibit hall of Dr. Moses Mason House. Open to general public. FMI: call 824-2908 or e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org.

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held. Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 14, 15, 16
6 p.m. - **Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Play** "Good Help is So Hard to Murder" by Pat Cook at The Victoria Restaurant. Reservations limited; call The Victoria at 824-8060 to reserve space. Cost: dress rehearsal May 14 is \$27.50 and May 15 and 16 is \$42.

7 p.m. - **"Fiddler on the Roof"** presented by Telstar High School Theater Department at Helen C. Berry Auditorium at the school. Free admission with donations accepted at the door. FMI: 824-2136.

Friday, May 15

Oxford County Education Association-Retired meeting at Oxford American Legion Hall with social period 10:30 a.m. and business meeting at 11 a.m. Afternoon Necrology service. Plant sale fundraiser. All retired teachers and support personnel welcome. If not on phone tree, call 743-7677 to reserve a lunch.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 15, 16, 17
8th annual Northern New England Home, Garden and Flower Show at Fryeburg Fairgrounds, Route 5, Fryeburg. Seven exhibit halls plus six acres of outside displays. Hours: Friday 11 to 6, Saturday 10 to 6, Sunday, 10 to 5. Admission: \$8 general admission, \$6 seniors 65+, \$4 youths 6-16, children under 6 free. FMI: visit www.HomeGardenFlowerShow.com. or (800) 359-2033 or 935-2845.

Saturday, May 16

9 a.m. - **Four Ponds Project Area Tour** in Albany and Mason Townships will begin at 9 a.m. at Crocker Pond Campground, Albany Township. Public invited. FMI or if plan to attend: call Gail Wigler at (603) 466-2713 ext. 230 or e-mail gwigler@fs.fed.us.

9 a.m. - **East Bethel Cemetery Clean-up Day**. Rain date May 17.

12 to 2 p.m. - **Senior Citizens Luncheon** (free) and entertainment at The Bethel Alliance Church, across from Telstar parking lot. FMI: call 824-2289.

5 p.m. - **Public Buffet Supper** with both Finnish and American foods will be held at Finnish American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Cost: \$7 adults and \$3.50 children. Sponsored by Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine.

7:30 to 9 p.m. - **Color and Healing Experiential Workshop** at Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge. Join Cynthia Swan to learn and explore some of the many avenues available to heal yourself or others with color. Fee: \$15. FMI: 824-2073.

Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17
Wellness Weekend at Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge. Practitioners offering services in massage, foot reflexology, aura-soma coloring readings, reiki, yoga throughout weekend. Pot luck supper Saturday p.m. FMI: 824-2073.

Monday, May 18

6 p.m. - **West Paris Historical Society** special evening of entertainment. A 1994 production at the society, including the Parisians and other Special Acts, will be shown by Milt Inman. Many old talents make a great show. Public invited.

Wednesday, May 20

Androscoggin River Cleanup: Upper Andro Anglers Alliance and Telstar High School Challenge Course students will clean up section of the river from West Bethel to Bethel beginning at 9 a.m. from Newt's Landing, West Bethel to Davis Park, Bethel. Community members welcome to help clean up other stretches of the river. Town of Bethel will provide trash collection at both Newt's Landing and Davis Park.

Thursday-Monday, May 22-25

10 to 5 p.m. - **Lilac Festival** at McLaughlin Gardens, Main Street, South Paris. Garden Tours 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lilac care workshop 1 p.m. Perennials and Lilacs on sale all weekend. Historic house, gift shop and cafe open. Sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America. Admission: \$5; members free. Parking on Western Avenue at Garden Gate. FMI: visit www.melaughlin.garden.org.

Saturday, May 23

8 a.m. to Noon - **Spring Fling** at Locke Mills Union Church by Ladies Circle. A few antiques, clothing, knickknacks, bake sale. Starting at 11 a.m. some items at \$1 per bag.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **St. Nevers Day Sale**, Bethel Historical Society fundraising sale held on the Hastings Homestead lawn (corner of Mason and Broad streets, Bethel). A wide variety of "treasures." FMI: call 824-2908 or e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Faye Taylor Art Show** at Bethel Historical Society's Mason House Exhibit Hall. Art of students in Grades One-Six in SAD44. FMI: call 824-2908.

Ellis River Riders, Andover, Open Show (English and Western).

7:30 p.m. - **At Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield: **The Odd Shorts Film Festival**. Tickets: \$10 all seats, available at box office (336-3306). FMI: visit www.Oddfellow.com. Bring a funny, crazy or cool film you would like to submit for the festival (e-mail Matt at matt@minordelay.com).

Saturday and Sunday, May 23 and 24

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Yard Sale** by Ring McKeen American Legion Post 151, Trap Corner, West Paris. Anyone wishing to donate good quality items, please call 674-2346 or 674-5143.

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, May 23-25

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Friends of Maine Wildlife Park Annual Plant Sale**. FMI: call 657-4977 or visit www.mainewildlifepark.com or www.mefishwildlife.com.

Saturday, May 24

Ellis River Riders, Andover, Gymkhana Event.

Saturday, May 30

9 to 10 a.m. - **Bethel Library Plant Sale**. Perennials and some annuals donated by community members. All proceeds benefit library. If need help digging or transportation of plants, or any questions, please call Susan Parker (824-4767) or Susan Day (824-2741), or John Applin (836-3421). Labels available at library on Friday, May 29.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Free Family Fishing Festival** at the pond at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Rain or shine. Casting and fly tying clinics. Kids take home prize catches and hand-tied flies. Door prizes and barbecue. No license required. Gear provided or bring your own. FMI: call 824-3694 or visit www.upperandro.com or e-mail fish@upperandro.com.

Saturday, June 6

5 to 7 p.m. - **Benefit Spaghetti Supper** for Charlie LaVallee, who lost his home to fire, at Upton Ladies Aid Building. Cost: \$7/\$5. FMI: 533-2010.

5 p.m. - **Chicken BBQ** at Blazing Star Lodge, Route 232, Rumford Corner. Menu: chicken, mashed potato, macaroni salad, green beans, bread, coffee, punch, pie. Cost: \$7 adults, \$3 children under 12. Takeouts available. Stair chair on back stairs. FMI: call Joe Roy at 364-4715 or e-mail concordpond@roadrunner.com.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5088; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street; and Saturdays (Thanksgiving through April 1) at 4pm at Sunday River South Ridge Base Lodge, third-floor human resources conference room.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8865 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3:00pm. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2568, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and the Stafford Ave. Family Center in Rumford. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 744-4031 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 8a-4p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 864-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 923-3222.

POST PARTUM

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 930a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI-392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service 10:15 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5.5 Andover 392-1121

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor. Jun Rose. Youth Pastor: Sun days: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (1 yrs. 5th grade) and High School Youth Group (6th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th 8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2262.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4628 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-6530

Our Lady of the Snows - Saturday mass at 6 p.m. Rev. Angelo Leveseur. 364-1556

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross. Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship Sunday School. 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3333 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron M. Nally. Sunday Services. Sunday School, 9am. Worship Service, 10am. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm. Awana clubs follow school year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Leiven. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday service

10:30 a.m. Sunday evening service 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2851

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m. Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 363-9024 or 368-7049 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sandra Witt. 6:15 Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 265 Main Street. Worship Service: Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beckel. 964-5661.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry with Rev. Don Coverdale and gospel singer Cynthia Clark. On-mountain interdenominational worship services held every Sunday during ski season. ALERT: we are now located in the Juniper Room, Jordan Grand Hotel New time 10:00am-11:00am. Ski in, or take the resort shuttle from South Ridge to Jordan. For more information: 823-5836 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m. Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd Rt. 118 (cornercorner to Norway Country Club, Norway. Call 824-1099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singerspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 655-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St. Sunday Services 9 a.m., June Aug. Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris. On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake

St. Catherine's: Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass, Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm FMI 743-2828

OXFORD

St. Mary's: Saturday 4pm Vigile Mass Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. St. John's church at the Pond.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 4pm. Wednesday night Bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road FMI call 364-2662 or visit our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service Sunday 9:30am 10:30am Sandra Withey

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational Linda Kimball pastor Sunday service 9am

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2149

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m. Bruce Tyner Pastor. Sunday School. Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am. Sunday School, grades 1-7 10:00am. Sunday evening worship 7:00pm. Monday Diaconate meeting first Monday of the month, Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tre & Toys Time Bi Weekly 9:30-11am. Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm. church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins. Sundays Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Evening Service 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays Prayer & Bible study 6:30 p.m. Fridays Youth Group 6:15th grade, 6:30pm.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright. 10:30am-6:30am, Saturday 9:30am-11:15am 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinkhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) Hymn Sing 1st Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers). Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8666 FMI

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30 Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3.

Upton Library: Wednesday, 2-6, Children's Hour 1-2; Saturday 2-4.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office, mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The Deadline is Monday at Noon.

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Business Partners Program
James Dock, Director of Development at the Bethel Historical Society, announced this week the introduction of its new Business Partners Program.

This exciting new membership program seeks to foster mutually rewarding partnerships with established and new businesses.

"Due in large part to the continued support of the business community in Oxford County and beyond, the Bethel Historical Society has become one of the foremost cultural institutions in western Maine," Dock said in making the announcement.

"Through the Business Partners Program, the Society is seeking to further develop this successful relationship with the community and its role in contributing to the economic vitality of the region," he added.

Business Partnerships begin at \$100 and extend to \$200. As

appropriate for the type and level of commitment, recognition will be given in press releases, signage, invitations, and other printed materials. In addition, benefits may include:

Referral of a member business to inquiring visitors, staff, volunteers, and trustees.

A member's brochures prominently displayed in a society rack specially designated it as a "Preferred Business Partner." In addition, the society will provide the business with complimentary society brochures and a special holder identifying it as a "Proud Business Partner" of the Bethel Historical Society.

Business Partners Program listing on the society's website: www.bethelhistorical.org.

1) One-time free admission passes to the Dr. Mason House Museum for the business partner's employees, clients, and friends.

2) One-time use of the Dr. Moses Mason House Exhibit Hall for a business event.

3) Complimentary subscription to the society's monthly e-News.

4) Recognition in all published donor listings.

5) Invitations to members-

only events.

6) Owner's individual passes, good for one year to the Dr. Moses Mason House Museum.

7) Up to 20 percent discount on retail purchases at the Museum Shop.

8) A special, annual open house for the society's Business Partners hosted by the society's Board of Trustees.

9) Recognition in the society's Annual Report.

10) Opportunity for a private tour with curatorial staff.

11) Subscription to the Courier and Broad Street Herald.

The Bethel Historical Society's Business Partnership Program provides an opportunity for businesses and non-profit organizations to support the Bethel Historical Society in a significant and individualized way.

The society works closely with its Business Partners to create a customized package of sponsorship and benefits to suit the needs of each business.

For more information on the Business Partnership Program, or to discuss specific sponsorship opportunities, please call the Development Office at 824-2908.

Eva Bean and East Bethel Road: A Half Century Perspective

Eva Bean's classic local history, "East Bethel Road," was published fifty years ago this year by Citizen Printers, then operated by the Brown family of Bethel. Many years in the making, she wrote the text in longhand and it was converted into type by Carl Brown and his sons, John, Edwin and Donald of Citizen Printers. Originally priced at \$12.50 with only 350 copies published, it took some time to sell. In her preface, Miss Bean announced that one of her reasons for writing the book was to raise money to fence Bartlett Cemetery in East Bethel, one of the town's oldest graveyards, to restore it once more to, as she stated, "a dignified resting-place for the dead." Nothing was done until after her death in 1969, when in 1976, a page-wire fence and gate were installed to keep roving cattle out.

Eva Marion Bean was born in East Bethel in 1895, graduated from Gould Academy in 1913, Colby College in 1917, earned an R.N. from Presbyterian Hospital in 1922. She later taught nursing, but had to retire early in her career

due to the onset of rheumatoid arthritis in the 1930s. She spent the remainder of her life researching local history, writing "East Bethel Road" and founding the Historical Society in 1966.

Society Executive Director Stanley R. Howe will discuss Miss Bean, her book and local history at a lecture schedule for May 14 in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Howe's grandmother, Edith K. Howe, was a Gould classmate of Eva Bean and her best friend. She helped Miss Bean found the Bethel Historical Society in 1966. Howe spent many hours with his grandmother and Miss Bean listening to their discussions on East Bethel history.

"East Bethel Road" was reprinted and updated by the Bethel Historical Society in 1984. Copies of the second edition will be on sale at the special 50th anniversary price of \$25 plus tax.

All interested persons are cordially invited to attend this free lecture, the first in the 2009 series titled "Celebrating Western Maine History," and made possible in part by a grant from the Maine Humanities Council.

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University of Maine Cooperative Extension Homemakers of Oxford County is planning their Spring County meeting to be held May 26 at the First Congregational Church in South Paris. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a brunch and business meeting. The educational program for the day will be provided by Barbara Murphy, UMaine Extension Educator, who will share some of her experiences from a recent trip to Guatemala where she worked on horticulture projects.

To find out more about Extension Homemakers in your community, call UMaine Extension's Oxford County office at 743-6329. The Maine Extension Homemakers Council will hold their spring meeting in Bangor on April 9.

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Recent area real estate transactions

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R&L Realty Trust to Michael and Darci Hamm, 147 Parsons Dr., Norway, land and building at 14 English Woods Dr., \$187,500, Jan. 30, 2009.

Jason Forget to Maine Escape Properties and Homes, LLC, 162 Hitching Post Land, Bedford, NH, land (Lot 7) in English Woods Subdivision, \$30,000, Feb. 12, 2009.

First Commercial Lenders to Katie Hawke and Elizabeth Grote of 69 Willow Grove Rd., Brunswick, condominium at Twitchell Brook Estates, \$210,000, Feb. 13, 2009.

Paula Turgeon to Dara Turgeon, 250 Vernon St., land and building at same address, \$90,801, Feb. 18, 2009.

Western Maine Custom Builders to Mark Ivanov and Maria Vicens-Ivanov, 10 Pitcairn Way, Ipswich, Mass., land and building at 203 Walkers Mills Rd., \$242,000, Feb. 19, 2009.

GREENWOOD

Frank and Mary Perham to Bret J. Morais, 50 Glenwood Ave., Saco, land and building at 40 Perham Lane, \$170,000, Feb. 27, 2009.

David and Patricia Duguay to Savage Land Development, LLC, land (Lot 13), Westside Subdivision, Howe Hill Road, \$26,000, March 3, 2009.

WOODSTOCK

Waterford Properties to Lee Dawn Laub, Harwich, Mass., land on Saunders Rd. \$49,500, Jan. 22, 2009.

American Home Mortgage Service to Deutsche Bank, N.A., Irvine, Calif., land and building at 466 Gore Rd. \$115,000, Jan. 29, 2009.

Lenwood Andrews to Clifton and Marion Gray, Bryant Pond, land on Andrews Rd. \$30,000, March 3, 2009.

About the listing: The information above has been compiled from the latest public records in the individual town offices. The sales prices are sent to the towns by the Maine Revenue Service and may not arrive for several weeks after the purchase closing date. Tax-exempt transactions are not included.



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Local realtors team up to make a difference



Michele Perejda (left) and Cindy Hiebert

Dream Realty and Mahoosuc Realty are partnering with the Tri-County Office of Child and Family Services to organize and promote a timely and charitable initiative, Back Packs and Suitcases for Kids.

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Cindy Hiebert of Mahoosuc Realty and Michel Perejda of Dream Realty are working with Cherle Heathers, Assistant Program Administrator for the Office of Child and Family Services. Michele and Cindy plan to make this a real estate community effort, requesting that all real estate businesses in the community support this important and timely endeavor. For more details on how you can make a difference, please call or email Cindy Hiebert (824-2771, cindy@mahosucrealty.com) or Michele Perejda (824-4300, michele@dreamrealty.me).



Driveway improvements speed home offers, lower costs

(ARA) - With a "For Sale" sign in your front yard, you want potential buyers to take a good, long look at your property. And even if you're not planning a move, you want to be sure you protect and maintain your home.

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First-time homebuyer tax credit: 5 essential tips for new buyers



To help each step in the home buying process run smoothly, consider working with a seasoned real estate professional.

(ARA) - With the revised first-time homebuyer federal income tax credit currently in effect, now is the perfect time to consider making that big purchase, your first home. "Buying a home is one of the biggest financial commitments a person can make, but first-time homebuyers and qualified return buyers are in an ideal position to take advantage of unique opportunities in the market, such as low-interest rates and the choice among an abundance of for-sale homes," says Charlie Young, president and chief executive officer for ERA Real Estate.

But before you sign on the dotted line, ERA Real Estate, one of the world's leading residential franchise networks, offers some helpful tips to ease the transition into homeownership.

Learn about the first-time homebuyer federal income tax credit. If you are considering purchasing your first home, or have not owned for at least three years, learn the parameters of the temporary first-time homebuyer tax credit, which is one of 10 provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act signed into law on Feb. 17, 2009. According to FederalHousingTaxCredit.com - a consumer Web site created by the National Association of Home Builders - for those who qualify and purchase before Dec. 1, 2009, the bill provides a tax credit of up to \$8,000, calculated at 10 percent of the purchase price. Unlike the previously available credit from 2008, the money does not have to be repaid, as long as the homebuyer does not resell the house for at least three years. "The tax credit can help make the American dream of homeownership a reality for potential buyers who previously could not afford the investment," says Young. He adds that potential

homeowners should consult with a professional tax advisor for full details on how the tax credit may benefit them.

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Calculate what you can afford

Before you start searching for your new home, know what you can afford. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, your total monthly mortgage payment - which includes principal, interest, taxes and insurance - should be about 29 percent of your monthly gross income.

What you can afford is also based on, among other things, how large a down payment you can make and how much money you can borrow. You can start estimating this figure by using an affordability or loan calculator found on the Internet. These calculators can help compute what may fit comfortably within your budget based on factors such as annual income, annual debts, interest rates and credit score. Though Internet calculators and statistics are good references, it is recommended that you consult a financial advisor to determine exactly how much you can afford.

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Choose a neighborhood

After you determine your home-buying budget, think about where you want to live. Are you going to stay in your current neighborhood, or do you want to hit the open road and start fresh? No matter what, you should thoroughly research the demographics of the area. Some additional factors to consider are how far you will be from work and shopping - and if you have children, do some careful research on schools.

Make a wish list of needs and wants

Early in the home-searching process, list your basic needs such as minimum square footage, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, location and, of course, the price you can afford. Web sites of leading real estate brands should

have guided property searches that allow you to choose one or more of these criteria. If there are features that you would love to have in your home, but could live without, put them on your "want" list. This includes things like a pool, big yard, extra bedroom, etc.

Work with an experienced real estate professional. Searching for and purchasing your first home is an exciting experience, but it can be overwhelming. To help each step in the home-buying process run smoothly, consider working with a seasoned real estate professional. Choosing a professional who is knowledgeable in your local and national markets, has access to the newest listings, and can help you negotiate prices, will increase the chances of finding your dream home.

To locate a real estate professional in your area and to learn more about home buying and the first-time homebuyer tax credit, visit ERA.com.

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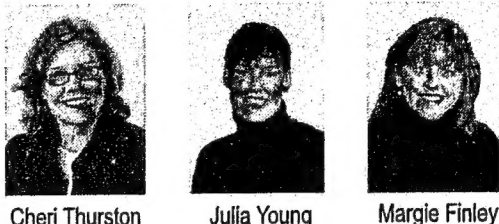
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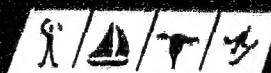


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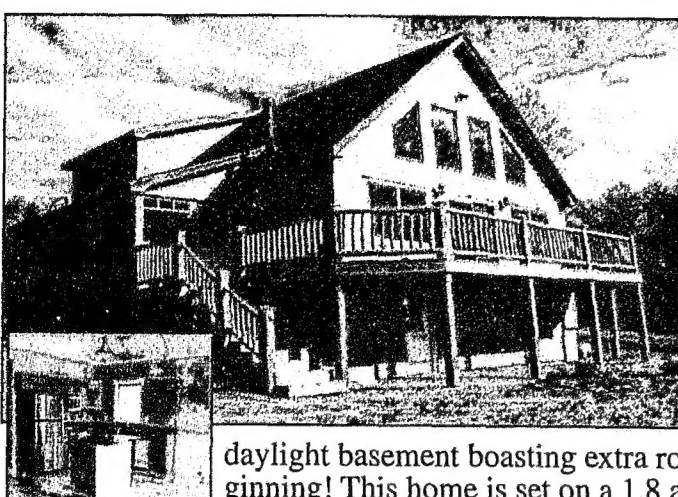
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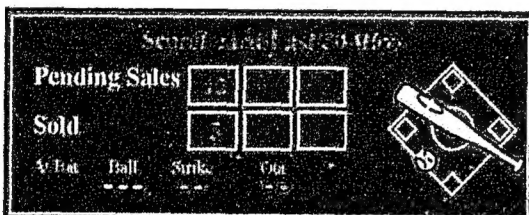
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Obituaries



ELMER J. WATERHOUSE

Elmer James Waterhouse, 101, of West Paris, died May 1, 2009.

He was born at Paris, Maine on Jan. 30, 1908, the son of Fred W. and Lucinda (Martin) Waterhouse and was educated in West Paris schools graduating from West Paris High Class of 1925 and had worked as a carpenter/painter most of his life. He married Eda M. Wilson on June 29, 1929; she died on May 9, 2007.

Elmer is survived by two

daughters, Geraldine Austin of Jefferson, Texas and Gloria Fleming of West Paris; one son, Dwight Waterhouse of Collegedale, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his wife, he was predeceased by one son, Wayne; a daughter, Glenda Estrada; three brothers, Frank, Fred Jr and George; and four sisters, Nellie Noyes, Myrtle Downing, Fannie Cummings and Elizabeth Strothner.

Memorial services will be held at the Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, May 31, at 2 p.m. with Pastors Richard Wright and Elmer Lloyd Waterhouse officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his name to the Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist Church, 43 Perkins Valley Road, Bryant Pond, ME 04219.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

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The Annual Meeting of the BETHEL RIVERSIDE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION will be held at the

Bethel Historical Society - Robinson House on May 27, 2009 at 7:30 pm

Any person owning a lot is automatically a member of the Association and is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Births

Katy Eames and Pedro Santiago of Meridian, Idaho, are pleased to announce the arrival of a beautiful baby girl, Lara Elisabeth, on March 9, 2009. Baby Lara weighed in at 8 pounds and 6 ounces, and already has a full head of hair.

Lara is the first grandchild for Bill Eames of Walnut Springs, Texas. Bill grew up in Bethel and used to be a delivery boy for The Citizen. Lara is also the first great-grandchild of Kay Eames from Cape Elizabeth, formerly of Bethel. Local great aunts and uncles include Blake and Rachel MacKay of Bethel, and Hi and Mary Lou Berry of Newry.

Christopher and Denise Morse of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Karyssa Alana Rae Morse, born on April 3, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Arthur and Stephanie Bragdon and Dennis Walley of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Rick and Eileen Morse of Norway.

Karyssa joins her sisters, Krysten, age 6, Kaydence, age 4, Kyeria, age 22 months.

Carolynn Hall of Bethel is pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Nevaeh Amari Hall, born on April 8, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Rocky Berry of Newry and Del Wilson of West Bethel.

Deanna Ryerson and Peter M. Gordon of Andover are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Wyatt Emery Gordon, born on April 6, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Wanda and Michael Worthley of Roxbury and Craig and Jane Ryerson of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Peter and Susan Gordon of Greenwood.

Wyatt joins brothers Brent Gordon, age 11, and Aiden Gordon, age 2.

Dorsey Dunn and Randy Cleveland of South Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Peyton Marleigh Cleveland, born on April 5, 2009, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Marlene Bean of Bethel and Glenn Dunn of Andover.

Paternal grandparents are Donna and Doug Cleveland of South Paris.

Richard and Martha Maier of Easton, Pa., are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Wyllie Stewart Newell Maier, born on April 10, 2009 at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, Pa., weighing 7 pounds 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Charlie and Cathy Newell of Greenwood.

Paternal grandparents are Bob and Mary Maier of Green Valley, Ariz.

Engagements



Greenleaf — Swain

The date was Dec. 30, 2008; the place was The Balsams in Dixville Notch, N.H.; it was a cold, brisk night. They were strolling outside after dinner. As they were admiring the four-foot tall 2008 carved out of ice, Ross knelt on one knee and asked Christine to marry him. Within seconds after her initial surprise, she said, "Yes!"

Christine Greenleaf is the daughter of John and Arlene Greenleaf of Bethel, and James and Barbara Nason of Sanford. Ross Swain is the son of Robert B. and the late Violet P. Swain of East Andover.

Christine graduated from Telstar and UMF and teaches eighth grade at Winthrop Middle School. Ross graduated from Telstar and Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute in South Portland and plays piano in the dining rooms of The Balsams and The Bethel Inn.

The couple resides on Roxbury Pond. The reenactment photo was taken by a member of The Balsams staff the day following the event.

The wedding date? Eventually...

Club & organization news

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations. The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday.

All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person. Photos: When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of everyone shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444.

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